



First Presbyterian News

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401 Lincolnway East, Mishawaka, In. 46544

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DANIEL

Recently as I was reading our FPC prayer list, one of the Beatitudes Jesus has given us in the sermon on the mountain raced through my mind.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:4

I was thinking about what Jesus really meant about "mourning." We all experience losses in life, but our heart sometimes doesn't want to accept them. When someone we love and care is going through such a difficult time in life, we also share his or her pain, hurt feeling and suffering.

Mourning is the natural process we go through in life. There is nothing we should be ashamed of mourning because God has given us an emotional feeling to express both inwardly and outwardly.

Henri Nouwen writes in his book "Turn My Mourning into Dancing" that **"[w]e are called to grieve our losses. It seems paradoxical, but healing and dancing begin with looking squarely at what causes us pain."**

I remember the grief I felt after my mom was diagnosed with the stomach cancer. It was one of the shocking moments in my life. When I first heard from her doctor that she has a small size of cancer, my mind went completely blank.

I tried to stay strong and bold, but I couldn't hold my emotion. I completely broke down and mourned next to my mother as I was praying for her. I felt sorry for my mother. I even thought that it was my fault that she got cancer. While I was weeping, she gently tapped my back and spoke tenderly, **"It's all right... it's all right."** I felt comforted by her touch and her simple words.

In the book of Isaiah 61:3, the prophet says **"[the LORD provides] those who mourn in Zion - to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit."**

In Isaiah's day, ashes are worn on the head as a sign of mourning. When those mourners are comforted, their ashes will be replaced by a garland. At the center of our mourning and grief, we find God's comfort and peace.

Don't run away from you mourning, but embrace it for there is a blessing hidden in it. God is aware and knows of every tear we cry, and he will turn our mourning into dancing.

Jesus said, **"Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh."** (Luke 6:21b)

Blessings,

Pastor Daniel

Presbyterian Women at First Presbyterian Church, Mishawaka



We kick off our Bible study for this year on Sept. 16 at 6:30. We will have a light supper (all food provided) and then the Study will be presented. (See details on page four.)

The Upper Room will have a regularly scheduled sale on Sept. 12 from 9-2. Please see Lynett Heritz if you can help that day.

We are asking that anyone working on or providing items for the Shoebox mission project have all the items to Church by Sunday Sept. 27. They need not be completed, we will assemble and complete any that need to be. Money donations for items are welcome also, and of course shoe boxes. Please bring them to the table in Cupboard Corner.

2020 Annual Community Support Spotlight - Each charity received \$200. Hope Ministries Hopesb.org

Hope's vision is to create a community in which hurting people find healing. They know that without healing, a person's thinking and the choices they make will not change. And unless their thinking and choices are transformed, they will never be able to thrive in life.

Our congregation has been associated with Hope Rescue/Hope Ministries one way or another over many years. We have toured their facilities, donated items for residents and made and served meals in their kitchen. Several years ago, the Help with Love Program, started by Mishawaka churches, expanded to include South Bend and became part of the Hope Ministries program. There are many ways to donate your time or resources to help them out. Visit their web page for complete list - hopesb.org.

Baby Bundle Update

We have a joy and a concern for our Baby Bundle mission. First, we would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the Baby Bundles in the past. It really helps with our expenses. Finding blankets, onesies, and outfits in the bassinet in the CE lobby is wonderful!

Our concern is that two of our major sources of items, The Salvation Army and St. Vincent de Paul, no longer are open for shopping. That leaves Goodwill on the 50% off days. If you would like to help with this mission, there are a couple of places that offer beautiful items. One is Kid's Konsignment at Town and Country Mall and Once Upon a Child at Indian Ridge. We can't purchase many things there because they are more than one dollar. That is what we can afford to spend on items for the Baby Bundles. We keep the cost at \$4.00 per bundle. However, if you want to purchase a couple of items and donate them, that would certainly help. We need newborn size for the onesies and outfits. Premie outfits are the most difficult to find, and usually, the most expensive. Garage sales are also a good option, but you have to be very careful that the items are in good condition....absolutely no stains and snaps that work.

Who doesn't like to shop for baby things? Thanks for your help.

Chris and Lynett for Presbyterian Women

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Pastor hours: Tuesday through Thursday, 9 to noon

Office Secretary hours: Tuesday through Friday, 9 to noon

Financial Secretary hours: Monday, 9 to noon (for the summer)

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P.O. Box 744 Mishawaka, Indiana 46546**MAC Mishawaka Alliance of Care****MAC Food Pantry – submitted by Janet Freeman**

The MAC FOOD PANTRY at Albright UMC continues to serve the community as much as possible during these difficult times. Panty hours have remained Tuesday evenings and Friday mornings. The volunteers and clients adapted to the necessary process due to the coronavirus.

Albright UMC posts news regarding the Pantry on its Mishawaka Avenue sign.

The Pantry Director reported the statistics for July: families served: 96 families; 333 individuals. USDA items and donations of food; money; fresh produce from individual gardens; bottles of hand sanitizer from a Boy Scout troop; and free milk are examples.

Church Officers and Committees

Session: Angela Bellinger, Lynett Heritz, Greg Phillips, Darlene Seufert, Chris Wukovits

Board of Deacons:

Carole Polk Moderator, Bill Bellairs, Tom Camren, Dick Dentino, Pam Martz, Teresa Primmer

Facilities and Operations

Lynett Heritz, Chair

Book Club: Judy Green

Clerk of Session: Teresa Primmer

Christian Education: Chris Wukovits, Chair

Finance: Ron May, Chair

Mission and Evangelism:

Angela Bellinger, Chair

Newsletter: Nancy Adams

Personnel: Greg Phillips, Chair

Prayer Chain: Lynett Heritz

Presbyterian Women:

Carole Polk and Judy Green

Special Gifts: Sue Rice, Chair

Stewardship: Ron May, Chair

Treasurer: John Rice

Worship and Music:

Darlene Seufert, Chair

SCHOOL SUPPLIES DONATIONS

The school supply donations were delivered to Battell School. Even though e-learning is being done, the items can be picked up by parents at the school as their children need them. As always, your donations were very much appreciated! We will continue to accept donations in the big red tub through Labor Day.

Book Study to Resume in October

At this point, we are going to start up the book study on October 21 and have it go through November 18. I am renaming the book study.....Give Up Something Bad for Advent! That works! We will review the first three chapters, finish the remaining chapters, and have a round table discussion about the Blessings of COVID 19. There has to be some good come out of all this craziness...right? We will continue to meet at 6:00 p.m., have a light supper together with social distancing, and conclude by 7:30. I will personally call everyone who signed up last March to confirm you are still interested in participating. Maybe we will have some new people join us as well. Everyone is welcome! You might even ask a friend who isn't a member of our church. There will be a sign up sheet on the CE lobby bulletin board.

Christine Wukovits – CE Chair

2020 TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER BRITTANY
OCTOBER TERESA
NOVEMBER MARY ANNE
DECEMBER JUDY G./
CAROLE

Worship and Music

Darlene Seufert – Chair

Thanks again to Jane Peiffer and Jae Cho for filling in as pianist/organist while we are waiting to hear if we have a student assigned to us from Notre Dame. Our in-church service and live streaming has been successful to serve the needs of our congregation. We will continue this format as long as necessary.

Worship Team this month:

September 6th: Judy Sulak-worship leader; Ethan DeMaegd and Dick Dentino-ushers

September 13th: Chris Wukovits,-worship leader; Carole Polk and Greg Phillips-ushers
Communion will be served

September 20th: Chuck Wukovits-worship leader; Michael Green-usher

September 27th: Dyan Phillips-worship leader; Dan Bruner and Neil Seufert-ushers

Word about Nominating: The Nominating Committee will be meeting very soon. We need everyone to think about serving on Session, the Deacons or next year's Nominating Committee. Think hard, pray and be prepared to say yes when asked to serve. We are looking for a Worship and Music chair, Building and Grounds chair for a two-year term and Mission chair. We need to replace two deacons and two members at large on next years Nominating Committee.

BIBLE STUDY FOR 2020-2021

Our new 2020-2021 Horizon Bible Study Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament was written by author and artist the Rev. Lynn Miller from Jackson, Mississippi. Because PW events that introduce the Bible Study have not been held, PW invited the author to introduce the study via webinar which is posted to the Presbyterian Women's You Tube channel, [www.youtube.com/Presbyterian Women](http://www.youtube.com/PresbyterianWomen). The books are located on the desk in the CE office. Mark your calendar for September 16th at 6:30 for light supper, short meeting and introduction and 1st chapter.

BLASTS FROM THE PAST

Perusing through a wonderful cookbook from 1947 put together by the Women's Service Guild of the church, I found several interesting facts.

First of all, it seems that back in those days, the only spices regularly used were salt, pepper and in rare instances, paprika. Comparing this to the endless selection available for modern day cooking, it's no wonder the recipes were easy to make then.

An apparent favorite of that era was ham loaf. I found no less than 11 different recipes for this item. One recipe contained an incredible 10 ingredients while the rest ranged from four to seven. I certainly would have fit right in cooking back in the days of old since I cringe at a recipe of double-digit ingredients! The favorite cooking technique seems to have been making anything that could be shaped into a loaf, as I also found another ten recipes for various other loaves using different meats or fish.

September 2020

Worship 10 am
Fellowship at 11 am

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 PW meeting - 11:15 Liturgist—Judy S. Greeter— Bill B. Ushers— Ethan D., Dick D.	7	8	9	10	11	12 Upper Room sale 9:00 – 2:00
13 .Communion Liturgist—Chris W. Greeter— Bill B. Ushers— Carole P., Greg P.	14	15	16 Upper Room work day 4-6 PW circle kick-off & supper – 6:30	17	18	19
20 Liturgist—Chuck W. Greeter— Bill B. Usher - Michael G.	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Liturgist—Dyan P. Greeter— Bill B. Ushers— Dan B., Neil S.	28	29	30			

2020 Golf/Putt Putt Outing was a great success and lots of fun. The Deacons would like to thank John and Sue Rice for hosting us at Putt Putt. We had 17 people enjoy a sunny afternoon putt putting, while five of us hit the links at Eberhart playing 9 holes of golf. Both groups enjoying a little competition and lots of laughs. Then back to church for a casual dinner hosted by the Deacons.

