



First Presbyterian News

June/July 2020

401 Lincolnway East, Mishawaka, In. 46544

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DANIEL

On June 10th, I am going to Seattle and will be taking a road trip with Jae on our way back to Mishawaka. Although we are going to miss attending Jae's graduation ceremony in June due to Coronavirus, we are very excited to get back together, for another chapter of our life here in Mishawaka.

It has been more than a year that we have been living apart from each other. Due to Jae's last year of Doctor of Nursing Practice program at Seattle Pacific University, I had to move here by myself in early March 2019. I had no problem of adjusting and settling my life in Mishawaka because the FPC family and staff treated me well with love, care and kindness. However, one of the biggest challenges for living by myself was missing Jae's physical presence.

Although we have been able to stay in touch with each other through FaceTime (video calling) almost every day, it couldn't offer a greater level of intimacy than an in-person interaction.

For more than a month, we've missed in-person services on Sunday, and I wonder how you have felt about having online service in general. What was your biggest challenge having online Sunday service? Were you able to follow and keep up with Sunday service at your own place? Were you able to feel connected with other members in church through online service? What did you miss most about coming to church on Sunday?

Every time I came to the church sanctuary for recording my Sunday message, I missed everything we do on Sunday. I missed seeing your faces, passing the peace, singing hymns together, hearing the voice of our choir & the sound of music, and our fellowship downstairs.

Fortunately, we have been able to stay in touch with one another by using email, social media, texting and phone call while social distancing; however, were you able to fully express your thoughts or feelings to others? According to a UCLA study, up to 93 percent of all communication is nonverbal which includes eye contact, facial expression, body language and posture.

Whether you agree or disagree, I think we communicate far better when we actually see each other. Person to person contact is necessary for us to express our thoughts, feelings, information, as well as understating what is expressed by others. We feel closer and connected with one another when we are physically together.

If you look at the life of early Christian community in Acts, they were always together both physically and spiritually. This is what the author of Acts writes regarding about the ongoing life of the early church, **"Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all people."** (Acts 2:46)

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It is the will of Christ that his followers should assemble together to worship God and have fellowship with one another. We need each other in order to grow in faith, hope and love. So, like the author of Hebrews says **“Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together..., but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”** (Hebrews 10:24, 25)

Blessings,

Pastor Daniel

Presbyterian Women at First Presbyterian Church, Mishawaka



Calendar Meeting – Rescheduled to July 18th @ 2 pm at Church. This will be a carry-in supper, bring a side dish or dessert to share as we prepare for the upcoming year.

Upper Room Sale – June 6th -POSTPONED. The Sale will not take place at this time, but we have taken in a lot of donations so we will have a work day from 10-noon and work day Wed. June 17th 4-6 pm

Gifts of Women Sunday –June 7th The service will be led by the women and revolve around our current Bible Study. The service will include installation of 2020 Officers. Fellowship will be brief and include a take-home treat. We will collect for our Birthday Offering as well as a collection for our Adopt a Child Rica for her school supplies.

2020 Annual Community Support Spotlight – Each charity received \$200.

– **Malawi Matters** Phyllis Wezeman, a member of First Presbyterian Church in South Bend, was approached about starting a mission focusing on HIV and AIDS education and in 2009 **Malawi Matters** was formed. Their mission is to develop and facilitate HIV and AIDS education with the people of Malawi, Africa. Building on their HIV/AIDS education, they saw a need to help young women of Malawi and developed the program “Equipping Women, Empowering Girls.” It encourages girls to stay in school, builds self-esteem, works to prevent child and forced marriages, prevent unplanned pregnancy, and reduce the cycle of poverty. This program was presented to PW in 2017 at our Winter Gathering. From this program we began making period pads for the young girls in Malawi to allow them to stay in school. Materials needed to make the pads are towels, flannel, soft cloth & waterproof vinyl. Items can be donated in the basket in the CE Lobby. We meet once or twice a year to cut, assemble and sew the pads. We have made approx. 421 pads to date.

– **Sew Love Inc.** Their program, which began in late 2012, teaches sewing and quilting classes to underserved and marginalized women areas of South Bend, Indiana. They provide a positive “hands on” program for women to learn and practice a variety of life-enhancing skills, such as perseverance, patience and problem solving. The program gives women the opportunity through quilting to explore personal creativity and to give back to the community. It is nurturing each woman’s self-confidence and self-esteem by enhancing their success at living productively in their community, encouraging them to take their next step toward a full and meaningful life, adding valuable life skills, and helping each person discover their worth to God and the community. They desire each participant to be a part of developing a vibrant, safe and strong community with strong families.

During the recent quarantine months, They set a goal to make 100,000 masks. Mary Ann Dentino sewed 100 masks herself to be distributed to hospitals and facilities in need.

– **Busy Hands of Michiana** is an award winning, all volunteer, non-profit charity. Over the years PW has donated miscellaneous materials which volunteers use to create special, therapeutic and comforting items for those in need and are distributed through various agencies to help those who struggle with Alzheimer’s and Autism, as well as Cancer patients, Nursing Homes, Hospice Patients, Homeless, Children and Infants and those with other life challenging situations. Busy Hands is also busy making masks.

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MAC Mishawaka Alliance of Care

MAC Food Pantry submitted by Janet Freeman

The Food Pantry hours continue as much as possible. The plan that became necessary due to the Coronavirus is still in place.

- The MAC Board is grateful to the Albright UMC family for giving the Pantry a home.
- The generosity of the donations by churches, community groups and individuals.
- The faithful volunteers: (1) the drivers to the Food Bank who load the food order, deliver and unload it at the Pantry; (2) abiding by the rules to safely serve the clients, fill and seal bags and distribute to the clients.

It is the mission of the Mishawaka Alliance of Care to serve those of our community who may be in need.

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/Sue Rice

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

GUIDELINES FOR RESUMING LIVE SERVICES

1. We are encouraging social distancing until we have a different directive from the Presbytery or State.
2. We require the wearing of masks. These masks are to protect those around us. Social distancing and hand washing or sanitizer will protect you.
3. Brandon is encouraging us to not sing the hymns. Just follow along with the words or hum. Droplets spread further with singing or talking loudly. Brandon will play the hymns at the same time in the service and of course we will still enjoy his prelude and postlude.
4. During the service Pastor Daniel and the liturgist will be self-miked rather than share the pulpit microphone.
5. The greeter will be stationed by the east door in case we have visitors but at this time will not shake hands.
6. The bulletins will be on the table in the narthex. The ushers will be there to open and close doors and assist if needed.
7. A collection plate will be placed in the back of the sanctuary. You can drop your offering in when you enter or leave.
8. Passing of the peace will be verbal with the liturgist saying "May the Peace of Christ be with you" and our communal response "And also with you".
9. Communion will be served May 31st for Pentecost. We will go back to using our beautiful Communion Service. Grape juice will be in one glass and bread will be on toothpicks in a basket or tray.
10. At this time, fellowship will not be held in Fellowship Hall following the service. A special fellowship is being planned for Brandon on May 31st, thanking him for his years of being our organist and choir director and also congratulating him on his graduation with the Doctorate from Notre Dame. It will probably be outside where we can observe social distancing.

2020 TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE



JUNE	JUDY G./ CAROLE
JULY	DYAN
AUGUST	LYNETT
SEPTEMBER	BRITTANY
OCTOBER	TERESA
NOVEMBER	MARY ANNE
DECEMBER	JUDY G./ CAROLE

A MESSAGE FROM BRANDON HOLLIHAN

Dear friends of FPCM,

I want to thank you all for three incredible years of service, community, and worship together. I am thrilled to tell you that I have completed my doctoral studies at Notre Dame, and am now Dr. Hollihan! I owe First Presbyterian Church Mishawaka an enormous debt of thanks for all your support during these challenging but rewarding days. As our country continues to emerge out of quarantine and recover from the difficulties of Covid-19, I want to let you know that Junghwa and I will be staying in South Bend, and I will be moving onto First United Methodist Church in downtown South Bend while continuing to teach at IU-South Bend. I hope we can all come together at least once more during the month of May.

I hope all of you are doing well and staying safe. As much as I love my husband, I'm ready to spend some time with other people! We had to give up our book study, *Give Up Something Bad for Lent*, and everyone seemed to be very positive about it. Hopefully, things will get back to somewhat "normal", and we will be able to be together again. I'm thinking that we will resume our book study sometime in late September and early October. I'm going to call it "*Give Up Something Bad for Advent*". Recognizing and giving up some of our bad habits is a good thing any time of year! Until we meet again, you are in my thoughts and prayers every single day.

Chris Wukovits
Christian Education Chair



BLASTS FROM THE PAST

I loved looking through ancient newsletters so much that I found a few more interesting items to share!

In 1961's first ever issue, a sign of the times was the fact that the women of the church had no first name if they were married. Every mention of a married woman was Mrs. So-and-so listing the husband's first and last names. We've come a long way, baby!

From a March 1971 issue, this quote from an unknown author appeared: "Life is what happens to you while you are making other plans." How appropriate is that to our situation now nearly 50 years later!?

A booklet entitled "Domestic Review" from 1929 put out by the Ladies Aid Society of the church contains many fascinating tidbits. It is part cookbook, part advertisements and part helpful hints from the bygone era. In one section entitled "Business Laws," these two items appear: "Contracts made on Sunday cannot be enforced." and "A contract with a minor or a lunatic is void." Wish I had known those rules at some point in my life!!

This is my last where & what “children” of the church are doing. Hope you enjoy, Sue Rice

Some old-er news of children who grew up in the church.

The Wukovits adult children...Carol and company were taking a month long journey to Washington, D.C. Caryn and family were going to Costa Rica. Neither is happening now, so both families are sad because they had to cancel their vacation plans.

The McClure adult children...Megan is working in Auburn as an optometrist and says she misses “seeing” every one at church.

Lauren is doing her pediatric endocrinology residency in Minneapolis. She is planning on making Megan and Brian an aunt and uncle come this July.

Brian is working in Indianapolis as a medical scribe in the hospital ER. (scribes chart encounters in real time during medical exams)

The Rice adult children...Katie & Justin, (Max & Jack are later) live in Osceola with 1 old dog and 2 busy boys. Katie works at Sprenger Health Care as the head Dietitian, Justin works for Arbor Care as a certified arborist. He keeps six feet separation by always being up a tree.

Chris splits his time between Chicago (Second City), Indianapolis (girlfriend and comedy clubs) and Mishawaka (working at Putt-Putt). He continues to fill notebooks with stories, often writing thru the night.

The Pride adult children...Kayleigh and Clinton (married for 6 years now) live here with Kayleigh working at ABC Clinic as a Vet Tech and part time for Amber's Pet Sitting. Clinton is a Tech for Diesel Engines at Cummins Inc. They are the proud parents of a beautiful baby boy, Nolan Deloy born on January 23. He is a real joy!

Erika and Stephen Black have been married for a year and a half now. They live in Armada, Michigan. Erika has her own photography business State of Mind Inc. Stephen is a Buyer for Borg Warner.

The Tschida adult children...Kristen, Jon and Ava are still in Indy along with their 2 dogs. Ava turned 3 in April and had a virtual birthday party. Jon continues his career in information technology. Kristen is still with the Indianapolis Zoo currently working with the sloths.

Justin and Courtney are in Greenville, Michigan with their dog, cat, and snake. Justin is with Granco Clark working as a controls engineer and Courtney is a social worker. All were able to work from home during this pandemic with the exception of Kristen .

The Wiseman adult children...Andy and his wife Melanie live in Rockville, MD with their two senior rescue fur babies Chloe and Meeko. Melanie is in her medical residency at Walter Reed Hospital and Andy is a physical therapist with Pivot.

Jeff married Whitney Weston in February and they live in Plymouth with their fur babies Busch and Remi and Mr. Pickles. Jeff, with 3 friends, started a landscape curbing company called Curb Concepts +. This is in addition to his full time position at Kountry Wood Products, so he is quite busy!

Bruce and Nora are wondering who will provide the first grandchild!

The Dowell adult-ish children...Shalom is in Washington, D.C. He is currently furloughed from his job, but has been enjoying time at home with his girlfriend and their puppy.

Claire just finished her Freshman year at IU-Bloomington, where she is studying Biology on a pre-med track. She is truly enjoying returning to her Hoosier roots and loves IU, even though her Freshman year didn't end the way she had planned.

Gavin is finishing his Junior year at Lansing High School. He is active in sports, especially basketball and baseball. Baseball season was canceled, but hopes summer ball will happen.

And now updates on some of the youth.

Ariana (Heritz) Downs: is going into 8th grade this fall. Soccer is still very important, 7 years in total but coronavirus cancelled this. She is in Choir and was asked to be participate in the All State Junior Choir this past February. Playing the piano, hanging out with her friends fills in her time.

Julie Rice: is officially a teenager this summer. She enjoys theater, drawing, student council, and making videos. She has navigated her first year of middle school and looks forward to 7th grade in the fall.

Rachel (Heritz) Downs: has completed her last year in Elementary and will be in the 6th Grade this Fall. She won the Principals Award on a piece she wrote. She lives to make anything out of Legos and build things.

Mia Rice: Mia, along with many of her classmates, has had a bittersweet end to elementary school but is excited to begin middle school in the fall. Mia was the only girl on the elementary state spell bowl championship team this year. She enjoys drawing, reading, and spending time with her sister and brother.

Charlotte Phillips: Charlotte is looking forward to eLearning being done. (As are her parents!) She's done well but it's been exhausting for all of us. She recently found out that her musical may go forward in July, Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat is the play at the John Glenn theater company. In a few weeks softball practice begins, being a catcher is her hope, so let's play some softball. Geneva Center is still a possibility for this summer. Many of our plans for summer camps and activities are very tentative. She has spent a large part of the quarantine doing Legos and baking. We cannot believe she is going into 5th grade!

Gia Bellinger: During this lockdown Gia has enjoyed her e-learning at Clay International Academy. With weekly meetings on Google with her teacher & classmates, she is finishing up 3rd & getting ready for 4th next fall. She has been using kids messenger to keep up with friends and cousin Caroline. Gia has a new love, her new hamster named Zoomer, he is a Syrian Long haired hamster and looks like a blond teddy bear. She has been training him to like being held and she makes sure he gets plenty of exercise in his ball and play yard daily. We have been hiking at St Pat's park a lot and riding bikes to help with cabin fever. This summer's away vacation plans have changed, so we are looking forward to camping in the backyard with campfires & lots of S'mores. A plan of pool time & putting in a garden will finish out the summer.

Tommy Rice: Tommy will start 3rd grade in the fall and still wishes the world would stop changing. He loves to read, watch a variety of TV shows, running, and being at his grandparent's house. Tommy continues to just be a sweet and happy boy.

Gabriel (Heritz) Downs: He will be a 2nd Grader this fall. He lives to annoy his sister Rachel. His favorites are Ninjago and loves to play LEGO Star Wars I. The Xbox. He is also a master builder with Legos as they are all over his room. He loves to play outside with his friends and just hang out.

Norah Grace Seufert: Norah is now five and a very active and self reliant child. She loves to dance, singing (makes up her own words) and playing with her dolls. She attends Growing Kids day care and is well prepared to start kindergarten at Bittersweet Elementary in the fall. The zoo is her favorite place and hopefully we can start back to visiting the animals

Caroline (Dentino) Micinski: Caroline, cousin of Gia, is 5 was attending Growing Kids, but presently she is her mommy's assistant since mommy works from home. Her job is to bring the copies from the printer. Playing with her American Girl Doll, jumping on her trampoline, doing crafts (making bracelets for all!) is how she likes to spend time. Now that the weather is nice she likes to help walk her dog Maggie. Next year will be a big year for Caroline since she will go to Kindergarten at Marshall Primary Center in South Bend.

Vivian (May) Berstrom: (daughter of Laura, granddaughter of Stanley May & Susan May): Vivian will be turning 5 this summer and starting kindergarten in the fall. She continues to love books and reading and has recently started making her own art! A goal for the summer is learning how to ride a bike, and staying social on Skype with her Nana (Susan) and Bopa (Stan).

Mackenzie Frey: This past year included lots of new adventures for our Mackenzie. The quarantine started it all and our "sassy" girl is now confined to her home with daddy (Ryan) who is working from home, while mommy's job is considered essential. She has been entertaining daddy with all her new skills from daycare which include as much recess as possible. Our little ball of energy loves to be outside riding her bike & playing soccer. Let's just say she hasn't duck taped daddy to the wall yet but he probably has a few more gray hairs these days. During quarantine our beautiful daughter turned four and got to experience a drive-by parade from Uncle John and his family that included balloons and posters. She got to open presents via FaceTime with family which wasn't the usual, but really meant a lot to our sweet girl. We look forward to seeing our "fournado" develop into the little fashionista we all love. Social distancing has been hard who just wants to hug grandma and papa everyday. We are looking forward to the near future when we can once again enjoy church. Please be safe until then.

Max McCloskey: Max (3.5): got a small glimpse at preschool (January until mid March) and can't wait to return in the fall. He lives in his own musical- you never know when he'll burst into song (and sometimes a dance too!). Cars & trucks are often driven up walls and across table tops. His happiest days are spent riding a bike, running, digging in dirt/sand, climbing, and exploring the outdoors.

Jack McCloskey: Jack (1.5): has developed a strong personality and loves to share his opinions. His biggest role models are Dad, Max, and the dog— maybe not always in the order! He loves animals and runs to meet them on our walks. He looks forward to a long summer of splashing in puddles, pools, and everything in between. "JackJack's turn!" is heard often throughout the day.

Erik (May) Berstrom: is growing and progressing through all the typical baby milestones... getting teeth, trying to walk, and babbling turning into words. He has a relaxed disposition naturally and loves being in the great outdoors, playing with his sister, and grabbing our patient family dog.

June 2020

**Worship 10 am
Fellowship at 11 am**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2		4	5	6
7 Gifts of Women Sunday	8	9	10	11 Quilts of Valor 9-2:30	12	13 Quilts of Valor 9-2:30
14 Deacons meeting 11:15 Walter Davis – guest pastor Liturgist – John R. Greeter – Bill B. Ushers – Carole P., Greg P.	15	16	17 Upper Room work day 4-6	18	19	20 Mystery Quilts 10:00
21 Andrew Peecher – guest pastor Liturgist – Judy S. Greeter – Bill B. Ushers – Gordon R., Michael G.	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Liturgist – Darlene S. Greeter – Bill B. Ushers – D. Bruner, Neil S.	29	30				

Pastor Daniel will be taking a well-deserved vacation this month. He will be traveling to Washington the second week of the month and after a leisurely trip across the country, will be bringing his lovely wife Jae ,who has now graduated, to stay! In his absence, we will have two of our favorite guest pastors filling in for him, Walter Davis on the 14th and Andrew Peecher on the 21st.



July 2020

**Worship 10 am
Fellowship at 11 am**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 
5 Liturgist – John R. Greeter – Ushers – Ethan D., Dick D.	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Communion Liturgist – Janna M. Greeter - Ushers – Carole P., Greg P.	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Liturgist – Judy S. Greeter – Bill B. Ushers – Gordon R., Michael G.	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Liturgist – Chris W. Greeter – Bill B. Ushers – Dan B., Neil S.	27	28	29	30	31	

With life slowly becoming more what we were used to before the pandemic, we will be having much more to report on in the newsletter as far as circles, activities and summer fun such as the annual Putt-Putt outing, the church picnic and maybe even the South Bend Cubs outing. In the meantime, if there are any types of articles you would like to see featured in future issues of the newsletter, please feel free to share your ideas!

