



First Presbyterian News

April 2021

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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DANIEL

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Death has been beaten. The grave has been conquered.

Three days after Jesus' burial, three women, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, went to Jesus' tomb very early on the first day of the week. When they arrived, they discovered **"that the stone was rolled back."**

As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him." Mark 16:5-7

Even though Jesus told them to expect his resurrection prior to his death, they were still astounded at what the angel had told them. They did not yet understand the mystery. The young man instructed them to tell the disciples that Jesus had risen from the grave and would meet them in Galilee.

However, those three women fled from the tomb because they were in great fear and said nothing to anyone according to Gospel Mark. And, this is likely **the original ending** of Mark's Gospel (16:1-8). **Note: Although there are two versions of ending "Shorter and Longer" after Mark 16:8, most scholars view Mark 16:9-20 was a later addition to the original ending.*

The ending of Mark cuts off abruptly, with the only witnesses to the resurrection afraid and saying nothing to anyone. It is quite strange and unsatisfying. Maybe, Mark intentionally left the story unfinished for readers to think and decide how the story should come out. This means that readers must put themselves into the narrative and ask a question "What would I do?"

If we are uncertain about what the empty tomb means like the women in the narrative, can we say that we believe in Christ's resurrection? Too many things are left unresolved toward the end of gospel Mark, but one thing that the gospel clearly testified readers that the tomb was empty. Jesus' promise of his resurrection was finally fulfilled on Easter Sunday.

"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O Death, in your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:55-57

Easter is the greatest day in all of history. Jesus' resurrection changes everything. It changes our sorrow into joy, despair into hope and fear into love. Our life had no hope of eternal happiness before Christ conquered death and redeemed us. However, on Easter Sunday morning, God has raised his Son Jesus from the dead to prove his love for us. That's why we can tell everyone, "Happy Easter!"

Jesus conquered death. We have nothing to fear! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Happy Easter FPC Family & Friends!

Worship and Music

Judy Sulak, Chair

It's a busy time in this Holy season. Maundy Thursday service is coming along well. Thank you to all who volunteered. Palm Sunday is coming together . This is a time of reflection. A time to remember all Jesus did for our salvation through his loving acts of pain and sacrifice. It is also a time to sing Hallelujah as we greet Easter Sunday. It's a glorious time knowing Jesus has risen and has forgiven us our sins. May this Holy Season bring reflection, hope and joy to all.

Worship Leaders
4/4 Judy Sulak
4/11 Judy Green
4/18 Pam Camren
4/25 John Rice

Ushers
4/4 Ethan DeMaegd
4/11 Carole Polk and Rose Marie Reif
4/18 Michael Green
4/25 Dan Bruner and Neil Seufert

Thank you to all who have volunteered their time to help make our worship a meaningful one. A big thank you to all on the worship and music committee . I'm looking forward to finally having a meeting with all of you. If anyone would like to join Worship and Music please contact me either in person or on the phone. We would love to have you join us.

May the peace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all
Worship and Music Committee

You buy and the Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church USA Inc. SCORE!!

The quarterly donation to PW of PC USA was \$344.12 from AmazonSmile during the January to March time period. And the grand total to date is over \$3300.00. Pretty cool for a just a few months of being able to do this. You only need to sign up at Amazon, go to the "Your AmazonSmile Impact" page, click on the charity of your choice, and shop. It's so easy and the cost to you is nothing. **AND** they have added AmazonSmile ON to the Shopping app if you shop on your phone. Thanks to everyone who has clicked this charity, but they have lots you can choose from. What a great way to make our dollars do more.

Sue Rice, Special Gifts Chair

Mission Committee

Mary Ann Dentino, Chair

The mission committee has masks for sale. The cost is \$5 and the proceeds will go to the Food Pantry to help feed the hungry. See Mary Ann Dentino if you are in need of a new mask. Thank you Jae for helping with the sewing.

BLASTS FROM THE PAST

I am so sorry! Not only is the newsletter late this month but I couldn't find any interesting tidbits from the past with my limited research time.

So with that in mind, I am asking for some reader participation such as we had with the stories everyone shared about the live nativity scene.

If you have any wonderful memories of past church functions, groups, outings, ways certain things were done back in the day, please let me know and I'll gear an issue toward that!

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MAC Mishawaka Alliance of Care

MAC Food Pantry – submitted by Janet Freeman

NEWS FROM THE MAC

Statistics for the month of February for the Pantry are: 92 households were served, including 289 individuals and 17 new families. A total of 7,210 pounds of food was distributed. The director Sheila shared this information, indicating that the drop in numbers is likely due to the government assistance checks going out.

The M.A.C. Board will meet on April 1st, and we will share any updated information in the May newsletter.

Church Officers and Committees

Session: Greg Phillips, Chris Wukovits, John Martz, Mary Ann Dentino, Judy Sulak

Board of Deacons:

Carole Polk Moderator, Bill Bellairs, Tom Camren, Pam Martz, Jenn Frey, Jim Stanz

Facilities and Operations

John Martz, Chair

Book Club: Judy Green

Clerk of Session: Teresa Primmer

Christian Education: Chris Wukovits, Chair

Finance: Ron May, Chair

Mission and Evangelism:

Mary Ann Dentino, 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:

Judy Sulak, Chair

Book Club – April 18th at 3:00 p.m.

“The Only Women in the Room” is the selection for April. The meeting will be held at Lynett’s home with Judy Green as leader.

Spring is in the air! And some outside fun is to be found....at Putt-Putt®!!

We want to welcome our church family to some outside “forthefunofit” FUN.

Pick up a signed sheet from the church bulletin board and come on out. One sheet is good for everyone accompanying you. (this is in case one of the Rices is not behind the counter) There is no size limit, no time limit, no mask mandate (you will be outside). You don’t even have to go inside the building to get to golf course. This is our gift to you. Hope you can find the time to stop by sometime in the future. John, Sue, Katie and Chris

2021 TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE

JANUARY DARLENE

FEBRUARY JUDY S.

MARCH PAM M.

APRIL ANGELA

MAY LYNETT

JUNE JUDY G./CAROLE

JULY DYAN

AUGUST LYNETT

SEPTEMBER BRITTANY

OCTOBER TERESA

NOVEMBER MARY ANN

DECEMBER JUDY G./

CAROLE



Presbyterian Women at First Presbyterian Church, Mishawaka



News from the Upper Room

Our March two day sale was very successful. We make \$805.50 for the two day sale but a total of \$936.55 for the year, which will go towards mission. We had plenty of help (thanks to all who welcomed our shoppers, helped in each area, bagged items and checked shoppers out). We have been very busy organizing the work room. That work will continue through April with work days WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7TH 4 PM TO 6 PM AND SATURDAY, APRIL 17TH 10 AM TIL NOON. We will have our storage boxes out in the room at the top of the stairs so when you are spring cleaning you can more easily drop off items. Just please make sure all items are clean, free of stains and tears and working if an electric item.

Gifts of Women Sunday

Presbyterian Women will be celebrating Gifts of Women Sunday April 11th. We are very pleased that Rev. Jan Van Lear will be our guest minister. This year's theme is "God Disrupts Us with Love, Matthew 25: 35-36". The purpose of Gifts of Women Sunday is honoring women who work for transformative change and seek to end poverty and injustice. Rev. Jan gave me a hint about what her sermon will focus on and I'm sure you won't want to miss it. We usually have a special fellowship after the service, but this year it will be goodies to go. During our Gifts of Women celebration we also take up our **Thank Offering**. The Thank Offering started in 1922 when the Woman's Auxiliary of the United Presbyterian Church challenged its members to donate one penny for each year of her life. The money was given to "Mrs. Dobbs School for Girls" in Japan. This year the Birthday Offering supported three missions; **Garden Gates Ranch, Inc.** in Des Moines, Iowa; **Memorial Drive Ministries, Inc.** in Stone Mountain, Georgia; and **Nkhoma Mission Hospital** in Nkhoma, Malawi. Birthday Offering Envelopes will be available at our display table.

During the service we will also acknowledge this year's Honorary Membership recipient. This members are recognized for their contribution to PW, mission, and our church.



APRIL 2021

Worship 10 am

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Maundy Thursday service – 7:00 p.m. Communion.	2  good friday	3
4 Easter Communion 	5	6	7 Upper Room work day – 2-4 p.m.	8 Quilts of Valor 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	9	10 Quilts of Valor – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
11 Gifts of Women Sunday – J. VanLear guest pastor Deacons – 11:15 a.m.	12	13	14	15 Ruth Circle – 7:00 p.m at Lynett’s	16	17 Upper Room work day – 10-12
18 Book Club – 3:00 p.m. at Lynett’s	19 Elizabeth Circle – 7:00 p.m.	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	