



First Presbyterian News

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401 Lincolnway East, Mishawaka, In. 46544

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DANIEL

What words to describe my dad? I would describe my dad as “Sweet, Gentle and Loving” person. Sometimes, my dad does something really off the wall (almost every man does), but he is a loving and supportive husband, father, and grandfather.

I still remember and miss my daddy’s big hug and kiss when I used to live with him (even after my marriage with Jae). When my dad was about to leave the house for work in the morning, he always gave me a big hug with kiss on my cheek. He still does it, and I never feel uncomfortable with it because I know it is his way of expressing his love for me.

In Korean culture, this would be unthinkable behavior among guys even today. He is a bit of different from other Korean men in his generation.

He always carries small toys or accessories in his suit pocket and enjoys handing out them to little kids in his church. One Sunday, I heard kids calling my dad “Toy Man” and saw them looking for him all over the place. This really brought a smile on my face and became a memorable story of my dad that I would like to share with anyone today.

I never felt embarrassed about my dad, but very proud of him.

Since we moved to the US, he has been the backbone of my family (he still is and will be). Until my dad became a full-time Metro Bus Driver in Seattle, he worked in several different fields. He worked as an office worker, construction worker, hotel restaurant server, and store stocker.

He used to have a permanent office job for the first three years, but he handed over his position to his younger brother in Korea because the company could sponsor an immigrant for my uncle’s family. My mom was a bit concerned about our family’s future once my dad made his decision to leave the company he worked for, but my dad never worried about it.

Instead, he searched and tried different kinds of jobs that he could do to support and take care of his family. He sacrificed so much for me and my brother to give us a better life here in the US. We never grew up feeling we were in need or lacking because of my dad who worked very hard all his life to support our education, our marriage and our better life.

The love and compassion that he has poured out for his family is immeasurable, and I am so blessed and thankful to have him as my dad.

Psalms 103:13, the psalmist says, “**As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.**” While it is a matter to show our deep reverence for the LORD, it is a Father’s compassion and his sacrificial love that sustain us, not our efforts at reverence.

We all have one father who created us and first loved us. Our Father in heaven is a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in love. How blessed we are to have a father like him in our lives!

As Father’s Day is approaching this month, I would like to honor and thank all fathers in our community and say, “**Happy Father’s Day!**”

Blessings, Pastor Daniel

Worship and Music

Judy Sulak, Chair

Greetings to all from Worship & Music

Spring is here and summer is close behind. The Birds are singing, new life is growing and all are singing God's praises. Pentecost Sunday is upon us. I pray you all are touched by the Holy Spirit and sing praises to God the father. We hope to add music to our service that reflects the joy and happiness we feel in knowing that God the father, Jesus the son and the Holy Spirit are in our hearts and lives. Let us sing to God with a joyful heart.

Worship & Music thanks all who have provided music so far this year. Music is an essential part of our worship experience. We would also like to thank all those who helped as worship leaders and ushers. We are blessed to have your help. Thank you Pastor Daniel for your service — our congregation is blessed to have you as our spiritual leader.

Worship leaders

Ushers

6/6 Darlene Seufert Communion Sunday
6/13 John Rice
6/20 Judy Sulak
6/27 Darlene Seufert

Ethan DeMaegd
Carol Polk & Greg Phillips
Michael Green
Neil Seufert & Dan Bruner

We are open to new members as well as new ideas that can enhance our worship experience. You can contact Judy Sulak via e-mail or in my mail box at church or Darlene Seufert.

May the peace and joy that comes from knowing Jesus Christ be with you all.
Your Worship and Music Team

Baby Shower for Jae!

When: July 10, 2021, Saturday

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Where: Fellowship Hall at First Presbyterian Church

Please join us for a baby shower luncheon to welcome the newest member of our church family! If you don't already know, it's a girl. Jae is registered at Amazon, if you choose to select a gift from her list. Gift cards for Amazon and Target are also a possibility. And of course, you can always select something of your own choosing as well. Shopping for a baby is always fun! Please RSVP to any of the following contacts. We would like to have a number by July 7th. Hope to see you there!

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Custodian hours: Monday through Friday, 6 am to 11am

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MAC Mishawaka Alliance of Care

MAC Food Pantry

News updates from the MAC Food Pantry have been sporadic lately but they are still serving the community as much as possible. Their regular meeting will be held on Thursday, June 3rd and we can expect more news following that meeting. They remain a blessing to all who need their help.

Church Officers and Committees

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Presbyterian Women at First Presbyterian Church, Mishawaka



**DON'T MISS THE UPPER ROOM SALE
JUNE 5th FROM 9:00 – 1:00!!**

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



BLASTS FROM THE PAST

This month's Blasts is highlighting some brief stories shared by members that honor fond memories of their mothers and fathers:

My mother played the piano and organ at church and gave piano lessons. When the families of my 2 sisters and mine celebrated Christmas and birthdays, singing around the piano was a given. At least 2 or 3 adults and 6 or 7 kids sang. Even had some harmony!! It was the highlight of Mom's day.

Alan Camren

In Korea, May is celebrated as a family's month. There are many holidays such as children's day, parent's day, teacher's day, and more. Among these days in May, the most exciting day has been me and my sister's birthdays. Only four days apart, we used to celebrate our birthdays together although we both complained about it while growing up. This year, the meaning of birthday was quite different from before as I am going to be a mom soon. I thought about my mother, who endured long labor 35 years ago, brought me into this world. I heard mom said she had a very long and difficult labor when I was born, so I had to be hospitalized for couple days. Mom still remembers sobbing and crying because of the thought that I was born sick. She also said she was terrified to take a baby's first bath. She wanted to ask for help from the neighbor, but she didn't have a courage to ask for it. She had an uneasy life when she was in her 20's and 30's due to unstable finance, long distance from her hometown and family, and unsupportive husband (which was very common back in days). Despite of all her struggles raising me, she made me who I am today. I felt very grateful that she was persistent raising two beautiful daughters with good minds. She believes that everything was possible because she believes in God. In Deuteronomy 28:1, "If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth (NIV)." I think the verse reflects on what my mom did to show me as an exemplary Christian. I am hoping to live like her to show the same faith to my soon-to-be-born daughter.

Jaekyung Cho

One of my fondest memories from childhood was when my mom would take me and my four brothers and two sisters on the bus to Potawatomi Park for a picnic and a trip to the Zoo. Back in those days there was no entrance fee and you could stop by the pond and bare-handedly try to catch a minnow or pet all the animals if they came up to you or throw peanuts to the monkeys. This was a once-a-year trip as it was the week before Labor Day. It was our last funtime before school started.

Ethan DeMaegd

One of my favorite memories of my dad was our badminton court that he erected in the back yard. We played almost every night after supper until it got too dark to see the shuttlecock flying back and forth.

My favorite memory of Mom was getting all dressed up in our Sunday best, white gloves and all, and going shopping in downtown South Bend at Robertson's, Wyman's, The Frances Shop, and Bunte's Shoe Salon. The high point was in the spring and fall when Robertson's had their fashion shows in the Tea Room. We went for lunch and got to see all the newest fashions for the coming season. I even got to be a model in one of the spring shows! That was my one and only time of being a model.

Chris Wukovits

