

First Presbyterian News

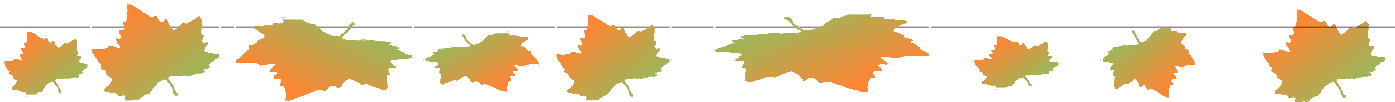
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Recently, I read the book "Small Church Essentials" by Karl Vaters who has been a small church pastor for 30 years, and currently leads Cornerstone Christian Fellowship in Fountain Valley, California. He wrote this book to encourage pastors who lead a congregation of under 250. In this book, he talks about the importance of small churches' existence because "more than 90 percent of churches have fewer than 200 people." This indicates that small churches can and do impact a big part in what God is doing. Of course, the author never said that big churches are less important than small churches. Rather, he believes that God calls and uses all kinds of churches including all sizes "Small and Big" to reach out to all kinds of people. Regardless of our church size, I believe that our First Presbyterian Church can do and impact God's kingdom. God has a certain purpose for our church, and we need to come as one body to pray, discern and pursue God's calling for our church. But before we jump into prayer, discernment and pursuit, please start asking yourself the following questions which were posed by Karl in the book: What does our church already do well? What can our church do really well? What do we want to be known for? Have we been missing the mark? How can we clear the clutter and focus on what we do well? If you can, please feel free to share with me your thoughts. I would love to hear from you. Since I have been here only 7 months, I am still learning and figuring out our congregation's strengths and weaknesses as well as God's vision and direction for the church. Also, during the month of October, Nancy and I will setup a suggestion box where you can share your ideas for ministry-related events or programs so that I may have a better understanding of our church's needs. "We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

We are all called to work together for the kingdom of God! Blessings, Pastor Daniel



PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING OCTOBER 6

An invitation is extended to each of you to participate in the Peace and Global Witness offering on October 6. Use your envelope you will find in your offering box and place it in the offering plate on October 6.

Through this offering we offer a healing hand to women experiencing abuse, here in this country and in places like Guatemala. Our giving also offers a word of peace to those incarcerated here and those crushed by civil war in places like the Democratic Republic of the Congo. This offering will leave 25% for this congregation to use for Peacemaking in this community.

Giving is one way we can RSVP "yes" to Christ's invitation and offer Peace at all times. If we each do a little it will add up to a lot.

Together, as we walk with God, let us hold fast to our faith knowing that God's peace is without boundaries.

Thank you.

The Mission Committee, Angela Bellinger, chair, Jennifer, Anna, Mary Ann and Betty.

Presbyterian Women at First Presbyterian Church, Mishawaka

October 11-12 **Fall Gathering** @ Geneva Center. Oct. 11th & Oct. 12th - Spiritual leaders will be Lynett Heritz, Pastor Jane Young and Rev. Grace Hammer. Dinner 5:30 on Friday followed by a fun wood craft project and labyrinth walk. Saturday's activities include presentation on better supporting those with disabilities, free time and closing service and lunch at noon. Details and different costs based on days attended will be posted on Clip Board Corner.

October 20th is **Dedication Sunday**. We dedicate the mission projects we have been working on: baby bundles and knitting baby caps. During Fellowship we will take the **Thank Offering**. Received in the fall each year, it gives women a tangible way to express their gratitude for the special blessings in their lives. Thank Offering grants range from \$5,000 to \$50,000. At least 40 percent of the offering funds health ministries. It was in 2011, Little Children of Philippians received a grant from the "Presbyterian's Women Thank Offering" for \$17,105.00 to build a Meat Processing Building. This project will help LCP members augment income so that basic needs can be met for their children and families.

Fall is in the air, Thanksgiving and Christmas are around the corner as is our annual **Bake Sale!** Start choosing those cookie and bread recipes and plan on helping us on our work nights – October 22nd 6-8pm Noodle night & November 5th 6-8pm Soup mixes and cheese balls. Pre sales will start soon. Watch Clip Board for sign-up sheets. This event just keeps growing and we need many hands on deck to help out. Please contact Lynett, Carole or Judy to see how you can help.

Many of our favorite vendors are returning as well as couple new ones have signed up. Sale is **November 9th 9-2pm**. We will have flyers available soon and don't forget about Facebook Event – lots of buzz going on that page already. If you have not already, you can "like" or share it to help advertising.

Upper Room – Our sale in September was very well attended and we cleared out lots of items to make room for more items. We will have Christmas items out and many collectibles – make great Christmas gifts. Next work nights are Oct. 5th 10-noon and Oct. 16th 4-6. Next Sale is Nov. 2nd 9-2pm. Thank you, Carole and Judy, co-moderators, Chris and Mary Ann



Presbyterian Women 2019 CALENDAR

Oct. 11-12 Fall Gathering/Retreat @ Geneva Center Weekend
 Oct. 20 **Dedication Sunday – Together-in-Service Projects**
 during service- **Thank Offering/Fellowship**
 Oct. 22 Bake Sale work night 6:00–8:00 p.m. noodle
 Oct. 23 Bag the noodles
 Nov. 2 Upper Room Sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Nov. 5 Bake Sale work night 6:00-8:00 cheeseball soup mixes.
 Nov. 8 Set-up for Bake Sale in Fellowship Hall 8:00 a.m.
 Nov. 9 **Bake and Vendor Sale**- 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fellowship Hall

PWCT MEETINGS

Oct. 6th 11:30 a.m.
 Nov. 3rd 11:30 a.m.

Elizabeth Circle meets the 3rd Monday of each month.

Ruth Circle meets the 3rd Thursday of each month.

You can contact Carole or Judy for details of circle meetings. Or check bulletin board in the future for details of where and when.

BOOK CLUB

October 20th Pete Buttigieg-The Shortest Way Home at Rose Marie Reif's
 November 17th The Perfect Wife by J P Delaney at Darlene Seufert's
 December 15th The Deal of a Lifetime by Frederick Backman and/or
 Tradd Street Christmas Spirit by Karen White at Lynett Heritz's
 please contact Judy for more information. mtcgjag@aol.com and Happy Reading!



Fall is here! Are you ready to fellowship over supper? Are you ready for a new opportunity to share with fellow FPC members and guests? Well do we have an offer we hope you don't refuse.

We began on Wednesday, September 25, with ***“Surprise the World! The Five Habits of Highly Missional People”*** is our study being offered **with supper at 6:00 p.m. with study ending by 7:15-7:30.** We will meet each Wednesday through October 30.

ALL ARE WELCOME.....please sign up for the study and to host supper on clipboards on bulletin board in CE lobby. Books are available in CE office/mail room and donations of \$5 will be accepted but don't let that keep you away! We've got it covered!

This “study” will involve not just discussions but some activities to try between our gatherings. It is an *easy* read, *easy* to practice and hopefully *easy* to share about your experiences with other participants. Come and learn how to reach out (be missional).

Christian Education Committee, Janna McLean, chair, Carole Polk, Pam Camren



The Children's Choir will sing with the Chancel Choir on Reformation Sunday, October 27th. Rehearsals will begin after church services on Sunday Oct. 6th. Please contact Brandon if you have questions. And please plan to join us on the 27th.

On Sunday, November 3rd at 7pm we will be hosting the Bethel University Fall Choir Concert here in our sanctuary. Bethel will be selling tickets (\$7 adult, \$5 senior or student) but you can get a FREE ticket to this concert by letting Janna McLean (janna.mclean@betheluniversity.edu) know by October 20th. Bethel is setting aside a block of tickets for us but they will go back into general circulation after that date.



Dear friends,

I hope you're all enjoying the start of autumn! While I'm going to be doing much more advertising a month from now, I wanted to start getting the word out and invite you to my lecture recital, on Sunday, November 10 at 2:30 pm, at the Labar Performance Hall in O'Neill Hall of Music at the University of Notre Dame. This is a free concert that focuses on minimalist composer Steve Reich's acclaimed chamber work, *Tehillim*. It will be paired with J.S. Bach's cantata "Christ lag in Todesbanden" ("Christ lay in death's bonds"), which influenced Reich in his composing his music based on four separate Hebrew psalms.

I'm thrilled to announce that Grammy-award winning ensemble Third Coast Percussion will also be joining us for this event! TCP is a quartet that has specializations in minimalist music (including Reich and Philip Glass) and they're extremely excited about this event. This concert also feature the Notre Dame masters octet singing the Bach cantata, and soloists Jessica Roberts, Alissa Plenzler, Halle McGuire-Hobbins, and Jamie Caporizo for the Reich.

More to come over the next two months! Would love to see many of you there.
Sincerely, Brandon Hollihan



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Custodian hours: Monday thru Friday 6 am to 11am

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Step Up and Make a Difference!

Marie Lou and David Abbott were the guest speakers at our church on September 8th. They are representatives for Little Children of the Philippines, a Christian organization that ministers through sponsorship, programs that address urgent needs for children and their families. I was familiar with Little Children of the Philippines because Presbyterian Women and Chancel Choir have sponsored children for the past number of years. But I was not aware of the life changing impact this organization had on so many children. Their presentation was hard to watch. We can't imagine the conditions that many people around the world endure. We are so blessed! It costs \$35 per month or \$420 per year to sponsor a child. That money covers health care, education (including school uniforms), tutoring if needed, clothing for the family, and Christian nurturing. For an extra \$70, you can include health care for their entire family for a year. That's quite a bargain! If you team up with another family to sponsor a child, that's only \$210 or \$245 per year, depending on the family health insurance. We pay about that amount each month to AT&T for our phones, internet service, cable TV, and high definition TV. I know what you are thinking. We have poor people in this country too. The difference is that poor people in this country have many government assistant programs to meet their basic needs. I can assure you, that the homeless population in Olympia, Washington live like kings compared to the poor in many other countries around the world. Your sponsorship for one child can have a huge impact on the world. And let's face it, our world is a mess! If you are willing to make a commitment to this organization, contact Rev. Cho or the church office. Step up and make a difference!

Christine Wukovits

Church Officers and Committees

Session: Angela Bellinger, Janna McLean, Greg Phillips, Darlene Seufert, Chuck Wukovits

Board of Deacons:

Lynett Heritz; moderator,
Bill Bellairs, Pam Martz,
Dick Dentino, Carole Polk,
Teresa Primmer

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Chuck Wukovits, Chair

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Christian Education: Janna McLean,
Chair

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Angela Bellinger, Chair

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Carole Polk and Judy Green

Special Gifts: Sue Rice, ChairStewardship: Ron May, ChairTreasurer: John RiceWorship and Music:

Darlene Seufert, Chair

TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE 2019

October - Teresa

November - Mary Anne

December - Katie

**MAC Mishawaka Alliance of Care**

Empty shopping cart; BAD

Half filled shopping cart; ROOM FOR MORE

Filled shopping cart; A BLESSING

An over filled cart; **THANK YOU!**

Janet Freeman



Pam Camren has a new email address: pamcamren1@gmail.com
please note the change in your addresses/contacts.



October

Worship 10 am
Fellowship at 11 am

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>Mark your calendar now!</div> <div>Bake and Vendor Sale</div> <div>November 9th 9am to 2pm</div>		1	2 <i>CE's</i> <i>Dinner & study</i>	3	4	5 Upper Room work day 10 to noon
6 Greeter: Lynett Heritz Ushers Carole P & Bill B W. Leader: Judy Sulak	7 	8	9 <i>CE's</i> <i>Dinner & study</i>	10	11 <i>PW Fall Geneva</i>	12 <i>Gathering at Center</i>
13 Greeter: Ethan DeMaegd Ushers: Michael G & Gordon R W. Leader: Mary Watt Book club 2pm	14	15	16 <i>CE's</i> <i>Dinner & study</i> U.R. work night 4 to 6pm	17 News letter deadline	18	19
20 PW Dedication Sunday Greeter: Bill Bellairs Ushers: Dick D & Judy S W. Leader: Alan Camren	21	22 bake sale work night	23 <i>CE's</i> <i>Dinner & study</i> bag noodles	24	25	26
27 Greeter: Bill Bellairs Ushers: Greg P & Neil S W. Leader: Darlene Seufert	28	29	30 <i>CE's</i> <i>Dinner & study</i>	31 <i>Happy Halloween</i>		Nov. 2nd Upper Room Sale 9 to 2

Sin and punishment
 2 Samuel 12
 Bathsheba and David were "one".
 (married)
 Friend Nathan knew what Dave had done."
 Said he, "You can't win.
 Because of your sin,
 The price is the death of your son!"

Chuck and I just returned from an adventure that took us to 13 states, 5100 miles, and four time zones! We made our way to Carol's home in Olympia, WA, and to Caryn's home in South Jordan, UT. Much of our trip out to Washington followed the Lewis and Clark trail. I can't imagine their courage and commitment to make such a journey...having no idea what was ahead of them. We were in awe of majestic mountains, rushing waterfalls, high deserts, and rolling prairies. We have such a magnificent country!
 Chris Wukovits

Attention chairs, as you arrange committee schedules for the following months, please make sure the office and church calendar is updated.

Betty Johnson's new information
 3602 S. Ironwood Dr., Apt 339E,
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Remembering all of our *Saints*
 October 29th is the deadline for having a loved one remembered on All Saint's Day, November 3rd. Contact Nancy in the office with name, date of death and your relationship. Thank you.
 (fpcmishawaka@gmail.com)