



First Presbyterian News

April 2020

401 Lincolnway East, Mishawaka, In. 46544



Since the coronavirus outbreak began to be a concern around the world, it has driven many people in fear and panic. Not only that, we hear that the virus impacts on the global economy, stock markets, medical supplies, activities, schools, sport events, and even religious services.

After the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus outbreak a pandemic and as cases of coronavirus have increased across the US in a short period of time, we see the increasing level of anxiety.

It is part of our human nature to feel fearful, insecure and vulnerable. Correct me if I am wrong, but I think there is nothing wrong with over acting to the threat of coronavirus because nobody knows how deadly this virus is and a lot of people are not sure who to listen and turn to.

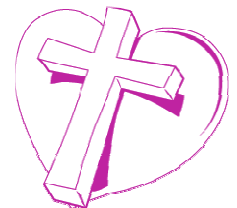
While there is growing concern of the virus across the country, how should we as believers react and respond to a current situation?

Listen to the song of Psalm 46:1-3: **“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.”**

In this Psalm, the psalmist describes natural disasters such as earthquakes, stormy waters, and unstable mountains, which symbolized the forces of chaos in the ancient Near East. However, the psalmist declares that he and his people will not fear the forces of chaos because God is their refuge and strength.

God knows our trouble and fear, but he wants us to trust him and cry out to him in trouble. Fear about the coronavirus is normal, but don't let it control us. Rather, let us fix our eyes on Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith and cry out to him, for he is our refuge and strength.

Pastor Daniel



First Presbyterian Church members

Due to the new government guidelines, we are suspending Sunday worship and all church activities.

We will resume as soon as it is safe.

In the mean time, each week we will put together a Sunday shortened bulletin that can be sent out to you. Please contact the church office to be added to the list or respond to the first 'short bulletin' email being sent out this week.

The office will send out an email as soon as church resumes.

The street sign on Lincoln Way will be updated when church resumes.

Please contact the office for any pastoral needs.

Praying for you and with you, Pastor Daniel Cho

Presbyterian Women at First Presbyterian Church, Mishawaka



April 19th - **Gifts of Women Sunday.** Our current Bible study *Love Carved in Stone* is on the 10 Commandments and it has been an eye-opening study. Understanding the earliest contexts of the Ten Commandments is crucial for shaping our interpretation and insights for today. Each speaks to a life wound experienced by humanity, individually, and as the community of faith. We will be basing the service on this study.

PW will be hosting fellowship, where we will be collecting our annual **Birthday Offering** and we also collect an offering for school supplies for our **Adopt a Child Rica.**

2020 Annual Community Support Spotlight – **Unity Garden** – theunitygardens.org

From their Website: “Unity Gardens is a 501(3)c non-profit. Unity Gardens was started by Sara Stewart with just one garden with the idea of feeding hungry people and providing a place for diverse people to gather. That was in the summer of 2008. Since then Unity Gardens has grown to be much more than that. With over 55 gardens of all shapes and sizes we help to feed our communities Stomach & Soul. They offer free gardening classes to teach the community how to grow their own food. We offer free cooking and preserving classes to show how to cook healthy and save your harvest.

Unity Gardens education goals are not to just throw a random class out there about gardening. We want you to be able to grow your own garden, keep your own bees, and raise your own chickens. Watch for our subjects to grow as time allows. We want to empower you to grow your own.

What we do: Over 150 free classes for both kids and adults on gardening and more; Free Summer Kids Camp; Educational Garden Tours; Host Volunteer Groups; Work with interns; Connect the community with nature”

You can also support them by shopping their booth at the Farmer’s Markets in South Bend.

the UPPER ROOM sale.....

Our first sale of the year was a little quiet, but still a success. Thank you to all who helped with work days and sale days, plus all those who donated and shopped! We are currently accepting items for the Upper Room. They can be dropped off on the second floor. Please just remember; we do not accept electronics, and please no dirty, torn or stained clothing.

And also on the topic of the Upper Room sale, be sure and stop by the table in Fellowship Hall to see all the lovely items we have displayed from The Upper Room. They will be there until Easter Sunday for your shopping pleasure. Just place your money in the box on the table. Remember, all proceeds from your purchases go to PW missions in our city, in our country, and around the world. Thanks so much for all your support!

Betty Johnson’s memorial service has been postponed.

Please contact church office if you would like to be notified when it is rescheduled.



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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Financial Secretary hours: Monday and Thursday, 9 to noon

Custodian hours: Monday thru Friday 6 am to 11am

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MAC Mishawaka Alliance of Care

MAC Food Pantry submitted by Janet Freeman

It seems impossible that 2019 has ended and that we are already moving into the end of the first quarter of 2020. M.A.C. Food Pantry would like to thank everyone for their continued support and sponsorship of the food pantry, whether it is food, finances, or time. We could not continue to serve our community and those who are food insecure without your partnership. It seems when we have a need either monetarily or for volunteers, God provides just what we need, when we need it, and oftentimes it comes through our sponsors. Thank you for your generosity!

In 2019 the pantry served 2,449 families consisting of 8,624 individuals! We utilize the Northern Indiana Food Bank to purchase items at a significant savings but we also rely heavily on donations from our supporting organizations as well. Albright Church continues to graciously allow us to use space and utilities at no charge. Thank you to all!

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

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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: Sue Rice

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Prayer Chain: Lynett Heritz

Presbyterian Women:

Carole Polk and Judy Green

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Stewardship: Ron May, Chair

Treasurer: John Rice

Worship and Music:

Darlene Seufert, Chair

Book Club will be meeting on April 19, Between Shades of Grey is the book, I will be hosting. As always, contact me if you have questions, Judy Green. MTCGJAG@aol.com

One Great Hour of Sharing

Usually during Palm and Easter Sundays we receive this special offering. The Mission Committee is asking that you remember this offering, use your envelope from your offering envelope box, and sometime in the future put it into a collection plate. This offering is very significant right now, and you will be joining other Presbyterians to help ease a heavy burden. Thank You.



2020 TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE



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



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>HAPPY EASTER</p>			1	2 <i>Quilts of Valor 9am</i>	3	4 <i>Quilts of Valor 9am</i> Upper room work day 10-12
<p>5 <i>Palm Sunday</i> Greeter: Bill Bellairs Ushers: Ethan D and Dick D W. Leader: Judy Sulak PWCT 11:30 am</p>	6	7	8	9 <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	10 <i>Good Friday</i>	11
<p>12 <i>Easter Sunday</i> <i>Continental Breakfast 8:30am</i> Greeter: Ethan DeMaegd Ushers: Carole P & Greg P W. Leader: Pam Camren</p>	13	14	15	16 Ruth Circle 7pm @ Lynett's	17 <i>newsletter deadline</i>	18 Mystery Quilts 10am
<p>19 <i>Gifts of Women</i> Greeter: Teresa Primmer Ushers: Rose Marie & Pam M. W. Leader: Janna MacLean Book Club 3pm</p>	20 Elizabeth Circle 7pm @ Mary Watt's	21	22 Upper Room work day 4-6pm	23	24	25
<p>26 Greeter: Bill Bellairs Usher: Dan B & Neil S W. Leader: Dyan Phillips</p>	27	28	29	30		

Worship and Music April, 2020 Newsletter

Lent and Holy Week usually means April will be a busy month. But Coronavirus changes everything. As of now we are planning services for Palm Sunday and Easter.

April 5th - Palm Sunday

April 12th - Resurrection of Lord. Communion will be served.

April 19th - Gifts of Women service, a special service with many of the women of the church taking leadership roles for the day.

Communion will be presented a little differently. We will use our communion cups and the bread will be cut in small pieces for you. We will still go forward to receive the elements. These are strange times for all of us. Please remember you can check our website for church related updates.

We are a praying church, and as such, I ask you to remember to pray for God's healing power for those affected, peace for the world as a whole, comfort in knowing He is with us.

Continue to follow the guidelines from the medical communities and pray. Thank you, Darlene