



First Presbyterian News

August 2024

401 Lincolnway East

Mishawaka, IN. 46544

As we move through the summer months of June and July, it's natural to notice a slower pace in our ministry activities. This trend isn't unique to our church; it's something many churches experience during this time of year. The summer season often brings a change in routine as families take vacations, children are on break from school, and people generally step back to recharge.

Yet, does God's work through us ever really stop, even in these quieter seasons? How might God continue to guide and inspire us, even when our organized ministry efforts slow down?

In the first week of July, a man visited my office seeking a conversation. From the moment he walked in, I could tell he was a homeless man in need of assistance. He came to our church, not asking for money, but inquiring if we had any clothing, blankets, or food available. Due to the holiday week, with Fourth of July falling on a Thursday, the nearby food pantry on Lincolnway (which also provides clothing) was closed.

Having just moved to Mishawaka, he had no shelter and was living in a tent. He mentioned needing extra clothes, blankets, shoes, and underwear. I asked the man to return to the church on Sunday, mentioning that we had an upper room where he might find clothes, shoes, underwear, and blankets. Not being certain of the upper room's current state, I assured him that I would ask our church members to assist him if he returned. That afternoon, I reached out to our PW members for help and they agreed to support him if he showed up. To be honest, I was not confident that the man would return. However, to my surprise, he arrived on Sunday morning, and we were able to provide him with some essential items.

This encounter reminds me that even during the slower summer months, God's work continues in unexpected and profound ways. While helping those in need is not always the easiest task, I believe that if it is within our ability to assist, we should embrace the opportunity to do so.

During Jesus' ministry, he faced criticism for performing miracles on the Sabbath, a day of rest according to Jewish law. When Jesus healed a man on the Sabbath, He explained,

"My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working." (John 5:17)

Jesus showed that God's care and compassion never take a break. The Sabbath, while a day of rest, also embodies the spirit of renewal and compassion. Jesus' actions on the Sabbath demonstrated that doing good and caring for others are always in line with God's ongoing work.

In the same way, even when our church activities slow down during the summer, we should remain open to how we can continue to serve others and be part of God's continuous work. I encourage our members to remember that God's care and work never take a break, and we should be ready to help whenever we can, just as Jesus did.

Blessings, Pastor Daniel

God is
Always
at work

Presbyterian Women at First Presbyterian Church, Mishawaka



Presbyterian Women Gathering

August 8th-11th, several members will travel to St. Louis to attend the **Presbyterian Women Gathering**. We look forward to hearing about the wonderful event and what they learned. *Bless this journey, O Lord, and keep them safe. Let every mile bring us closer to You and the wonders of Your world. In Jesus' name, we embark with joy, confidence, and a spirit of adventure. Amen.*

Upper Room News

Please remember that when you donate items, be sure to check them to make sure that they are clean and damage free. If you are interested in helping to sort, price, or work during the Work/Sale Days, please join us! We always welcome extra hands.

Upper Room is NOT accepting donations of clothing or shoes until further notice.

Work Days: **Saturday—Wednesday, August 21st from 10-Noon**

Sale Days: **Saturday—September 7th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Thank you for your continued support in helping to make the Upper Room the best it can be!



Annual Church Picnic

The Deacons will be hosting our Annual Church Picnic on Sunday, August 25, 2024.

Where: Teresa Primmer's house
711 W. 16th Street
Mishawaka, IN. 46544

Time: 10:00 a.m.

The Deacons will supply the meat, beverages, and all service ware. We ask that you please bring a dish to share.



Mission—Our Faith in Action

**MAC Mishawaka
Alliance of Care**



Several families, along with Mission and PW, donated 30 lbs of food/toiletry items in July & August. In June, the pantry served 193 households (658 people).

Spotlight: Monetary donations –The food pantry purchases food from the Northern Indiana Food Bank at a reduced rate, so they are able to get frozen meat and other staples to help stock the pantry. Both the Mission Committee and Presbyterian Women have donated directly to MAC Food Pantry and so can you. Mail checks to: MAC Food Pantry c/o Albright United Methodist Church, 504 W. Mishawaka, IN. 46545.

Mission Presentation

Please join us Sunday, August 4th, for a special mission presentation. We welcome Pastor Richard Stewart to speak to our congregation about the Native American Youth Mission in Montana. He is traveling around the Midwest this summer to share his mission and work. He will present the message during the service and at fellowship will share a video clip to show his ministry works in Montana.

Leggings

Reminder to drop off leggings and sweatpants—sizes 6x, 7x, 8, and 10 for Battell School by month end.



Romeo would like to thank all those who helped with his fundraiser for school lockers.



* Prayers for Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, and all who are suffering through conflicts/war; for peace & bravery for the coming days, protection & comfort for all those impacted, and wisdom for all the world leaders making decisions.

* Prayers for the return of common sense, respect for each other and the ability to work through our differences in peace. Give us courage and kindness in order to be the peacemakers You designed us to be.

* Prayers for those who experience emotional crises, mental distress, or struggles with addictions – for successful treatment and help with coping skills.

Prayers for:

* Mary Watt's brother-in-law, David, passed to his heavenly home on Thursday. Prayers for God's peace and comfort for the family.

* Lynett's family friend, Bill, who was recently hospitalized with fluid in his lungs. Prayers for correct diagnosis, treatment, strength and healing.

* Cheryl Sloan's father, Don Newcomer. He recently had a blood infection and was in the hospital on antibiotics. They are trying to adjust his blood pressure medication. Prayers for speedy healing and correct diagnosis of medications.

* Joseph, grandfather of Josh (Victoria Green's boyfriend), completed chemo and radiation and is not doing well. He was recently hospitalized for dehydration. Prayers for God's guidance.

* Those with heart health issues, including Kevin Finley - for successful treatment, comfort, & healing.

* Strength and patience for Kevin Finley's family, especially Andrea as she cares for Kevin and family.

*Strength for Josh (Victoria Green's boyfriend) as he deals with one grandfather doing well and one struggling.

* Those with cancer including: Jon (Greg Phillips' friend), Garry and Joseph (Josh's grandfathers), and Sharon Burch Smorin (mother of Katie Robertson's friend) – for effective treatment, comfort, peace, & acceptance.

* Those who have entered Hospice Care including: Sharon Burch Smorin (mother of Katie Robertson's friend) – for trust in God's will, peace & comfort for all involved.

* Our homebound members including Kathy Bellairs, Jack Bruner, Janet Freeman, Pat Harker, and Esther Morrison who always appreciate cards or phone calls.

* All those names we have left unspoken and hold within our hearts, but whom God knows.



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Newsletter: Katie Robertson

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PW: Moderators—Chris Wukovits and Judy Green

Special Gifts: Ron May

Book Club

Book Club: **August** at 2:00 p.m. is TBD
Book Club: **September** at 2:00 p.m. is TBD



Thanks, Judy Green

Worship & Music

Greetings from worship and music,



In September we will be welcoming the highly gifted Doctor Fred Hohman as our new organist.

At the end of August, we will be saying goodbye to Michael Fair who has served our congregation during the summer.

We are grateful for Michael's service and wish him well as he continues his undergraduate studies in composition.

Welcome!

TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE

August... Lynett Heritz,
Teresa Primmer
September... Andrea Finley,
Darlene Seufert

Please Send information for the September Newsletter to Katie Robertson by August 17th.
fpcmishawaka@gmail.com
Thank you!



Worship 10 am



Fellowship 11 am

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Upper Room workday from 10 a.m. -Noon
4 <i>Communion</i> Greeter.. Usher..Ethan DeMaegd W.L. Daniel Cho	5	6	7	8	9	10 National S'mores Day 
11 Greeter.. Usher..Carole Polk, Greg Phillips W.L. Alan Camren Deacons meeting after worship	12	13	14	15	16	17 *Newsletter Deadline
18 Greeter.. Usher..Bill Bellairs, Michael Green W.L. Pam Camren Session Meeting after worship	19	20	21 Upper Room workday from 10 a.m. -Noon	22	23	24 National Waffle Day 
25 Annual Church Picnic 10 a.m. at Teresa Primmer's Greeter.. Usher..Ryan Frey W.L. Judy Sulak	26	27	28	29	30 National Beach Day 	31