



# First Presbyterian News

August 2022

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In June, Gabie got baptized, and I did my first baptism service at First Presbyterian Church. It was a unique experience for me because I had the privilege to both see my daughter being baptized and to baptize Jack McCloskey in the presence of our congregation. In our Reformed Tradition, baptism is a sign and seal of God's gift of salvation, and we Presbyterians have recognized it as one of two sacraments initiated by Christ in Scripture. In baptism, we believe and confess that God claims us as his own children, and members of Christ's body, the church. In our tradition, we practice both adult and infant baptism. It's our great privilege to administer that sacrament of baptism in the public worship, especially infant baptism. We baptize infants, not out of tradition, but because we believe that they are covenant children of God and should receive the sign of the covenant. This is what it says about infant baptism on our PCUSA website: **Infant baptism expresses that it is God who chooses us for faith, discipleship, and salvation.** Yes it is God who chooses us, no one else, including ourselves. God chooses us. What does this mean? Remember what Moses' mother, Jochebed (her name is first mentioned in Exodus 6:20) did for Moses after giving birth? The Israelites had so increased in number and in power that the Pharaoh thought they would be a threat in time of war, so he decided to make slaves of the people and to destroy every male child and thus eventually wipe out the Hebrew race. In the middle of this great terror, Jochebed gave birth to a fine baby boy and immediately hid him for three months. When Jochebed could no longer hide her baby safely, she took a basket of reeds and coated it with tar to make it waterproof. Then she wrapped up her baby tightly, put him in the basket, and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. The baby's sister, Miriam, stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

Have you ever imagined how his mother felt when she had to set her baby afloat on the Nile River? Jochebed released her baby to the uncertain currents of the Nile, toward an unknown destination. What does Jochebed's action tell us? According to Hebrews 11:23, it is written: **"It was by faith that Moses' parents hid him for three months when he was born. They saw that God had given them an unusual child, and that they were not afraid to disobey the king's command."** (NLT)

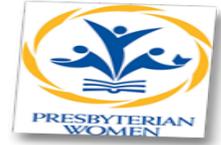
Jochebed didn't know what would happen to Moses, but she released control from her hands and entrusted God with his life. That is faith. Since I cannot always be with Gabie, what is the best thing I can do for her as a parent? Like Jochebed, I release my control over Gabie's life and entrust her into the hands of God, who has called and chosen her.

Infant baptism encourages us and our children to trust God by symbolizing God's promises that He will always be with them, comfort them, help them, guide them, and love them forever. In what ways can you practice your trust and faith in God, even though it means having to go against the current? How can we live faithfully in such a sustained environment of chaos and crisis today? Remember, God is in complete control. He will come and save you. He will guide your ways. He will work through you. He will come and deliver you.

Blessings, Pastor Daniel



### Presbyterian Women



Presbyterian Women are sponsoring a special project for women at St. Margaret’s House. PW will provide a purse, and you will fill it with items that will make life a little easier for these ladies. We will be giving out purses after worship on September 11th, and will collect the purses after worship on September 18th. You are certainly welcome to use a gently used purse of your own if you choose. Below is a list of items you might put in your purse. Travel size items would be perfect for the Purse Project (The Christmas Tree Shop has a wonderful selection). Not every item needs to be included –you might think of something that would be nice as well. Use your own judgment. There will be a list of suggested items inside the purse from PW. Thanks so much for helping us with this worthwhile mission.

Chris Wukovits

**Suggested Items:**

Soap or shower gel, deodorant, toothbrush and toothpaste, Kleenex, feminine products, nail polish, chap stick, shampoo, conditioner, travel aspirin, comb, brush, pick, notepad and pen, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, gum or mints, sunglasses.

Judy Green will be providing Mary Kay hand lotion for all the purses. Thanks, Judy!



### MAC Mishawaka Alliance of Care

Food is always needed . Kid approved and easily cooked items are welcomed. In May, the pantry served 146 households consisting of 517 individuals. We also served 26 new families. We continue to be thankful for all those who play a role in feeding our neighbors.

Carole Polk



Feeding the Community

**Putt-Putt/Golf Outing—Saturday August 6th**

Putt-Putt starts at 3:30 p.m. The group will meet on the patio and it is free for the church family. Eberhart Golf, 9 holes, starts at 3:00 p.m. Sign up on clipboard by 8/31. When all the fun in the sun is done, it is off to church for a light supper at 5:30ish. Those who don’t golf but want to join the dinner are very welcome. Please sign up so we can plan for reservations and dinner.

The annual First Presbyterian Church picnic will be held at Teresa’s house (711 W. 16th St. Mishawaka) **August 21<sup>st</sup>**. We will worship at 10:00 a.m. followed by lunch. Deacons will provide main dish and drinks. Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

From the Deacons



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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Pastor hours: Tuesday thru Thursday 9 to noon

Secretary hours: Tuesday thru Friday 9 to noon

Financial Secretary hours: Monday & Thursday 9 to noon; summer hours (June 16th-September 16th) Monday 9 to noon

Custodian hours: Monday thru Friday 7 to noon

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**Book Club**

Book club for September 18th at 3:00 p.m. is *Diamond Eye* by Kate Quinn hosted by Judy Green.

\* Book club meets the 3rd Sunday of the month at 3:00. We read a variety of genres and try to choose books a month in advance.

Judy Green



**Church Officers and Committees**

**Session:** John Martz, Mary Ann Dentino, Judy Sulak, Mary Watt, Chris Wukovits

**Board of Deacons:**

Carole Polk Moderator, Bill Bellairs, Angela Bellinger, Pam Martz, Jenn Frey, Jim Stanz

**Facilities/Operations:** John Martz

**Chair Book Club:** Judy Green

**Clerk of Session:** Teresa Primmer

**Chair Christian Education:**

Chris Wukovits

**Chair Finance:** Ron May

**Chair Mission and Evangelism:**

Mary Ann Dentino

**Chair Newsletter:** Katie Robertson

**Chair Personnel:** Mary Watt

**Chair Prayer Chain:**

Lynett Heritz

**Presbyterian Women:** Darlene

Seufert and Chris Wukovits

**Chair Special Gifts:** Sue Rice

**Chair Stewardship:** Ron May

**Treasurer:** John Rice

**Chair Worship and Music:**

Judy Sulak

**Worship & Music**

**Worship Leaders**

8/7 Mary Watt

DeMaegd

8/14 Alan Camren

8/21 Pam Camren

8/28 Judy Sulak

*Communion Sunday*

**Ushers**

Ethan

Carole Polk/Greg Phillips

Michael Green

Neil Seufert



The Worship & Music meeting will be held August 14<sup>th</sup> after worship.  
Blessings, Judy Sulak

**Grounds Cleaning**

A big thank you to Cory's Curb Appeal for coming out and working to make the landscaping around the church building look beautiful and refreshing!

John Martz



**TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE 2022**

August.....Lynett/Teresa

September...Brittany

October...Teresa/Lynett

November...Mary Ann

December...Judy G./Carole



**August**

Worship 10 am Fellowship 11 am

Sunday	Monday	Tues- day	Wednesday	Thurs- day	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6 Upper Room workday 10 a.m. till noon Putt-Putt/Golf outing @ 3:30 p.m.
7 Communion Greeter.. Bill Bellairs Usher.. Ethan DeMaegd W.L. Mary Watt Session meeting after worship	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Greeter.. Bill Bellairs Usher.. Carole Polk/ Greg Phillips W.L. Alan Camren Worship & Music meeting after worship Deacons meeting after worship	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Usher.. Michael Green W.L. Pam Camren Church Picnic @ Teresa's after worship	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Greeter.. Bill Bellairs Usher.. Neil Seufert W.L. Judy Sulak	29	30	31 Upper Room workday 10 a.m. till noon			

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 \* Please send information for the September Newsletter to Katie  
 \* Robertson by August 17th. [fpemishawaka@gmail.com](mailto:fpemishawaka@gmail.com). Thank you.  
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