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# First Presbyterian News

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Annual Pastor's Report  
Rev. Travis B. Winckler

January and February 2017  
FPC, Mishawaka, IN

As I look ahead at the new year, I look forward to building on the foundation of trust and spiritual growth we have been laying as a congregation. Since I arrived as your pastor in February 2016, I have prioritized building relationships of mutuality, trust, and understanding as we seek to create an environment in which we can discern the Spirit's will for the future of FPC, Mishawaka. To this end, I started my ministry by 1) Exploring individual's hopes and aspirations for the church through a number of "one-on-one" conversations. 2) Gathering a group to begin a process of re-evaluating where the church is in relation to our community and to begin teaching and training folks the practice of relational meetings. 3) I have made it a priority to ensure that the Sunday worship experience is a quality one where we can grow spiritually as individuals and a church body. 4) Even in my half-time capacity, I have sought to nurture new relationships between the church and local partners engaged in ministry to our community, such as Mike Hayes at the Mishawaka Food Pantry and Amy Houghtaling at Hope Ministries in South Bend.

In sum, I hope my pastoral leadership of FPC in this season if its life has contributed to creating a congregational environment that nurtures authentic relationship, encourages spiritual growth, and models mature communication and conflict resolution, all which is necessary if the congregation is going to effectively plant new seeds of ministry vision and community mission in 2017 and beyond.

My goals for 2017 include: 1) Continuing to nurture our relational and spiritual growth through hosting a small group at our house as well as teaching through the Feasting on the Word adult Bible study curriculum; 2) Coordinating the Sunday worship and education experience with a new curriculum so that everyone from children to adults have the opportunity to reflect on the same biblical passage each week. 3) Working with our new administrator and others to revitalize our website, communications, and social media presence as expressions of hospitality and engagement with our community. 4) Shepherd a process in which Session can discern the future of the nursery school as well as articulate and boldly live into a signature mission of service to the community.

It is a blessing serving this church. I pray continued grace, wisdom, and good-humor in the Holy Spirit will guide our endeavors this year.

Pastor Travis



**From Mission:** We will continue to collect items for our "Souper Bowl" donation to the food pantry. At this time of year the food pantry donations are low and the demand is still high for the food and services they provide. We will be collecting anything non perishable that could be used in soup. If each member were to bring in just 3 cans one Sunday each month we could collect close to 200 cans of food. Pretty easy when you see it in that light isn't it?

The first week of **March** we will begin our 3 week collection of new and gently used socks for Broadway Christian Parish. As always this time of year they are in need of all sizes of warm socks for their daily guests to help them stay warm in the winter weather.

## Worship in *February*

**NEW [Adult Bible Study](#)** meets at 9:00AM each Sunday in Memorial Lounge.

Join Pastor Travis for a brief time of study and reflection on the scripture passage for the day.

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, Feb 5: "Seasoning and Shining," Matt 5:13-20

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany, Feb 12: "Choose Life," Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany, Feb 19: "Wholly Holy," Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

Transfiguration Sunday, Feb 26: "Who is Jesus?" Matt. 17:1-9

First Sunday Conversation: *Sunday February 5* “**Being the church in the age of Trump**” join Pastor Travis after worship in Memorial Lounge for this discussion. A special guest is planned for the March 5 discussion.

**"Waking up White"** by Debby Irving, a small group book discussion will start Wednesday February 15, 8 pm at Travis & Emily's home. ~~Please sign up on sheet found in the narthex.

**Canticle Ringers:** Session 2 will begin rehearsing March 7 going thru to April 4 with plans to ring on April 9 (Palm Sunday). If you have the time, enjoy making music, please consider joining, no music reading experience needed! Contact Judy Green for details, 259-2096 or [mtcgjag@aol.com](mailto:mtcgjag@aol.com)

Do you feel like the door is always closed to you at church? Great! As a fire safety issue, please close the door as you leave a room or section of the church. Also remember to always check that the Exit Door you leave by is LOCKED behind you. Thank you.

**Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School:** February is our ‘grateful hearts’ month. We talk about parts of your bodies, “head, shoulder, HEART, knees & toes”. Valentines are made and a trip to the Post Office is enjoyed, (we give our guide a classmade Valentine). We discuss how red and white make pink, but what makes purple? And we make our own mailboxes to collect our Valentines from friends. Jayne and Eileen

Looking to expand your involvement at the church? Worship and Music will be happy to add you to the usher list or Worship Leader list. You can contact Judy Green ([mtcgjag@aol.com](mailto:mtcgjag@aol.com)) or any member of the committee to apply for a job. And thanks.

**Book club** for February: *Truly, Madly Guilty* by Liane Moriarty. 6 responsible adults, 3 cute kids, 1 small dog. It's just a normal weekend. What could possibly go wrong? Join us as we discuss what does on the 19th, 2 pm, at Judy Green's home. Questions? Please contact Judy for more details. [mtcgjag@aol.com](mailto:mtcgjag@aol.com)

### SCRAPBOOKING & CRAFTING CLUB with Brittany Rice



On Friday evenings once a month we meet in Fellowship hall from 6pm to 11pm to work on our various projects without the interruptions of phone, family or TV.

Bring any project you would like to work on, we will be happy to share ideas.

A cost of \$5 includes set-up & tear down. Don't forget to bring a drink (and maybe a goodie to share).

Contact me at [scrap.brittany@comcast.net](mailto:scrap.brittany@comcast.net) Hope to see you soon.

**2017 dates** — mark your calendar now...you know you've got projects to finish!

**February 24th** March 24th April 21st May 19th

June 23rd July 28th August 25th September 22nd October 27th and November 17th.



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS

**Winter Gathering**

January 28<sup>th</sup> @ 10 am. Carry-in brunch *PWCT meeting will be at 9am*

Dr. Joshua Diehl of Logan Center will be the guest speaker for the Presbyterian Women's Winter Gathering on January 28th. Dr. Diehl is very knowledgeable regarding autism and all the issues surrounding this disorder that affects so many children. Please join us at 10:00 for this special event. If you know someone who would benefit from Dr. Diehl's presentation, everyone is welcome...female or male. Everyone should be informed about autism, it's causes, and strategies for those affected with it.



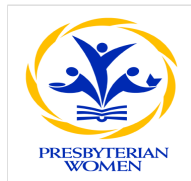
coming soon.....**Presbyterian Women's Basement Sale**

We have been overwhelmed with treasures for the upcoming Basement Sale in April. Thanks to everyone who has dropped off items to the 3rd floor room. We are currently working on sorting and pricing the items at this time. We ask that you hold off dropping **LARGE** items off to the room upstairs until further notice. We are still accepting clothing and small housewares at this time.

Just a reminder; we ask that the items be in good condition. If it's broken, stained or not working please discard appropriately. We do not take TVs, computers or large electronics. If you have smaller furniture please make arrangements with Lynett Heritz, Darlene Seufert or Carole Polk before dropping off.

**Mark your calendars for the week of April 23-29!**

**Presbyterian Women  
2017 CALENDAR**



- Jan. 28 **PW Winter Gathering**  
PWCT Meeting @ 9 a.m.
- Mar. 11 **Joint Circle Mtg. & Bible Study**  
@10:00 a.m. Carry-in Brunch  
Election of Officers PWCT Meeting @ 9 a.m.  
*PWCT MEETING April 2nd noon*
- Apr. 23 **Gifts of Women Sunday**  
Honorary Memberships, Install officers 2017,  
Birthday Offering Celebration
- Apr 23 Basement Sale set up 11:30 am
- Apr. 24-26 Work days
- Apr 27 **Basement Sale** 9 - 6 p.m.
- Apr 28 **Basement Sale** 9 – 2 p.m.
- Apr 29 **Bag sale** 10 – noon Clean-up @ noon
- TBD **Spring Gathering** - Presbytery  
*PWCT MEETING June 7 @Church 5:30 p.m.*  
**Calendar Meeting & Supper**

**Elizabeth Circle** meets the 3rd  
Monday of the month

February 20 Pam Martz hosting  
at the church

*March 11 Joint Meeting @ church*

April 17 @ Mary Watt's home

May 22 @ Pam Camren's home

**Ruth Circle** meets on the 3rd  
Thursday of the month 7pm

February 16 at Dyan Phillips'  
home

*March 11 Joint Meeting @ church*

April 20 Judy Sulak hosting  
at the church

May 17 @ Rose Marie Reif's home

There is always room for one  
more!



In 2014, a project began to clean up and rejuvenate our Museum, which snowballed into other areas of our church. Our building was dedicated on March 26, 1911 with the CE Building addition being over 50 years old. That is a lot of Church services, Sunday School classes, meetings and dinners! Many hands have been involved and many of the rooms have been updated or re-purposed. Here are the few of the projects.

**Museum** – Repainted museum; cleaned and organized balcony area; redecorated the old Pastor’s Study. Moved the filing cabinets to Pastor’s Study and organized historical documents and pictures collected over last 60-70 years. If you have not been up there, please check it out.

**CE Building** - Most work has been done in this area of the church. Starting in the Westminster Hall – all three Sunday school rooms were gone through from top to bottom. Years of Sunday School classes, Disciples Tree House and Vacation Bible School have netted us a lot of items. All cabinets organized and marked. Miscellaneous items made their way to the basement sale.

**Choir music cataloged.** The oldest music found was dated 1893.

**On the main floor**, the floors were stripped and stairs painted. Toddler room was painted and turned into a meeting room. Filing cabinets added for every committee to have a place to keep reports and store necessary items. The Nursery was painted and a mural added. Carpets were cleaned in both rooms. The room not currently been used by the Nursery School was turned into current Toddler Room. Children’s library books have been moved to this room.

**Christian Education Office and Audio** room cleaned out and rearranged. The filing cabinets previously in this room were gone through and now being used in Meeting room.

**Pastor’s Study** was cleaned and books and binders were arranged.

Church Bulletin covers sorted and organized.

**On third floor**, the Nursery School has been going through their extra room. Two of the rooms upstairs are now storage for basement sale items so people can bring their items any time during the year.

The Worship storage room organized and cleaned. Items given permanent store area.

In **Memorial Lounge** the furniture was given new life and carpets cleaned.

In the **Library**, books sorted and older books removed (and donated), shelving moved and furniture taken out. Room is now opened to Memorial Lounge. Walls were cleaned and painted.

Our **Kitchen** is our latest project. While we clean our kitchen a couple times a year, we are looking to update some of our cooking tools. We held a Pampered Chef party to help with this project. New faucets were recently installed for the sinks. Carpets in **Fellowship Hall** were cleaned.

There is still work plenty of work to be done. The Deacons and PW closet in Fellowship hall need to be gone through. In the Museum boxes of pictures need to be sorted, marked and filed. Balcony ceiling needs fixed and painted. Container of posters in Tent room is overflowing and needs organizing and sorting.

Toddler room could use some more cleaning. Floor in CE Office needs to be re-carpeted. In the Worship storage room need a better way to hang our banners.

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who has pitched in and spent many hours cleaning, sorting, painting and moving furniture to make our building look better and be more useful.

Lynett and John Heritz, Teresa Primmer, Darlene Seufert, Carole Polk, Judy Green, Michael Green, Mikey Green, Victoria Green, Chris Wukovits, Pam Camren, Sue Rice, Dyan Phillips, Charlotte Phillips, Anna Bowers, John Martz, John Rice, Justin McCloskey, Betty Johnson, Brittany, Julie and Mia Rice, Chuck Wukovits, Pam Martz, Dave Primmer.

**NEWS FROM THE MAC:** The outpouring of donations during the holidays from MAC churches, businesses, social groups/clubs, individuals just shows how caring of a community Mishawaka is. December statistics: 4002 pounds of food: (FPC contributed 512 pounds) \$2,184.27 in checks and cash offerings was collected. The Pantry continues working with The Food Bank and receives USDA commodities on a regular bases. Now that the holidays are behind us, we must look ahead. The basic needs of folks, food, health, a safe place to live, is our home town.

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Pastor hours: mornings, please call for appointment

Office Administrator hours: Tuesday thru Friday 9 - noon

Financial Secretary hours: Mondays &amp; Thursdays 9 - noon

Custodian hours: Monday thru Friday 8am to 1 pm

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**Newsletter deadline is February 17** at noon for March issue.Please send information to Sue Rice at [suce@aol.com](mailto:suce@aol.com) or you can mail, email the church secretary Judy at [officejudyk@gmail.com](mailto:officejudyk@gmail.com).**Have a prayer concern?** Share with Pastor Travis by placing a call to the church office. **Prayer cards** are available from an usher every Sunday. [fpcmishawaka.net](http://fpcmishawaka.net), Pastor Travis updates weekly with new devotionals.**Church Officers and Committees****Session:** Angela Bellinger, Alan Camren, Judy Green, Chuck Wukovits, Ron May, Janna McLean**Board of Deacons:** Lynett Heritz; moderator, Tom Camren, Teresa Primmer, Jason Pursehouse, Judy Sulak**Facilities and Operations**

Chuck Wukovits, Chair

Ethan DeMaegd, Dick Dentino,

**Book Club:** Judy Green**Clerk of Session:** Teresa Primmer  
**Christian Education:** Janna McLean, Chair**Finance:** Ron May, Chair**Mission and Evangelism:**

Angela Bellinger, Chair

**Newsletter:** Sue Rice**Nominating:** Darlene Seufert, Chair**Personnel:** Alan Camren, Chair**Prayer Chain:** Lynett Heritz**Presbyterian Women:**

Carole Polk and Lynett Heritz

**PWNS Board:** John Rice, Chair**Scrap Booking:** Brittany Rice**Special Gifts:** Sue Rice, Chair**Stewardship:** Ron May, Chair**Treasurer:** John Rice**Worship and Music:**

Judy Green, Chair

Betty Favorite expresses her thanks for all the congregation's prayers, calls, and visits after her recent fall and hip surgery. She will be spending her rehab close to home. If you would like to keep in touch she can be found at: Sanctuary at St Paul's Health Care Center, Room 204, 3602 S Ironwood, South Bend, IN. 46614

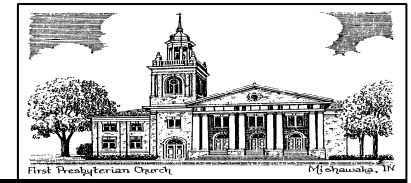
A new church member joined us on December 28th, Max Edward McCloskey. Weighing in at 7lbs, 11oz and 19" long he has added a happy note to Katie and Justin's life. Grandparents John and Sue Rice are pleased with their new roles in joining the grandparent club. For those who took the time to fill out a baby pool slip, Esther Morrison beat you all. Maybe being a great-grandmother gave her advantage.

The Rice Family would like to thank our many friends and church family who have shared memories, stories, hugs and prayers at the passing of Mom/Grandmama Barbara Rice on January 4th. We know she is in a better place, keeping watch over us all. Your kindness is much appreciated, John and Sue, Dan and Brittany, Katie, Justin and Max McCloskey, Chris, Julie, Mia and Tommy Rice.



The PRESBYTERIANS TODAY issue for February has a lot of good stuff in it re where the Church is headed...some comparisons over the past several decades and how "doing church" is way different than it use to be.  
Pick up a copy for some insightful, inspirational reading.





Adult Bible Study 9 am  
Worship 10 am  
Fellowship at 11 am

# February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	Ground Hog day Candlemas	3	4
5 greeter Margret DeMaegd ushers: Ethan D & Dan B W. Leader: Chris Wukovits <i>1st Sunday Conversation</i>	6 	7	8	9	10	11 
12 greeter: Judy Sulak ushers: Carole P & Bill B W. Leader: Chuck Wukovits Deacons 11am	13	14 	15 'waking up white' 8pm	16 Ruth circle 7pm Dyan Phillips'	17	18
19 greeter: Bill Bellairs ushers: Michael G & Judy S W. Leader: Bruce McClure Book Club 2pm	20 <i>Elizabeth circle 7pm @ church</i>	21	22 'waking up white' 8pm	23 	24 <i>Scrapbooking 6pm to 11pm</i>	25
26 greeter: Bill Bellairs ushers: Greg P & Dick D W. Leader: Dyan Phillips Session 11am	27	28 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>February 2<sup>nd</sup></b> is when candles were blessed for the coming year, called <i>Candlemas</i> or 'Feast of Lights' it is the half way point between the first day of winter and the first day of spring.</p> </div>			

### GET TO KNOW OUR FPC STAFF:

This is the first of 5 articles about those who serve our church (excluding those who are not paid). None grew up in the Presbyterian church. Their backgrounds vary, but their commitment to doing their best for FPC does not. Remember their bios. There will be a quiz in June's newsletter. We begin with the newest member of the "team", the *office administrator*.

JUDY KELLY was born in Mishawaka and attended the Church of God. She graduated from Penn HS, where she became friends with Lynett Heritz. After receiving her BA in elementary education from Anderson University, Judy taught 4<sup>th</sup> grade in a small rather impoverished town in South Carolina. This enabled her to pay off her student loans. Five years later she was back in Mishawaka and in a couple of years was married. Because of her husband's faith and for the sake of their future children, which unfortunately they were unable to have, Judy converted to Judaism. In 1978 her husband's job took them to New Hampshire. Most of the 20 years they were there she worked for a mortgage company as an office manager.

In returning home she found herself being her mother's care giver until her mother's passing away 10 months later. Judy earned an MA in education and over a 10 year period served as a coordinator for the Head Start consortium in 2 counties and worked at Brown Mackie College in the areas of Childhood Education and Faculty General Education. She retired in 2014.

By growing up in the Church of God and later converting to Judaism, one would certainly expect her to sometime join a Presbyterian or Methodist church. She chose Albright where she is active with worship and community service projects. She will be a good team member.

**Resale to the Rescue:** Located on McKinley (905 West) across from Town & Country is an up-scale not for profit resale store that financially assists local animal welfare organizations. We are always in need of donors, volunteers, and shoppers to help make our mission a reality.

**Phone:** 574-258-4051 **Hours:** Tues. .-Sat. 10am - 6pm Sun. - Mon. Closed

We are now part of Kroger's Community Rewards program! If you are unfamiliar with it, Kroger's will give a donation to Resale to the Rescue every time you shop and use your Kroger's card, if you are registered to donate to us. It is pretty simple and any funds are good funds! Below are the directions of how to get a Kroger's card registered for an online account.

- 1) If you don't have a Kroger's card, you need to get one at your neighborhood Kroger's store.
- 2) Once you have a card, go to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com).
- 3) If you do not already have an online account, click on "Create An Account". If you already have one, click on "Sign In".
- 4) Complete the information...email address, create a password, zip code, etc.
- 5) Kroger will send you an email immediately. Go to the email and open it. Click on "My Account" at the top. Use your email address and new password to sign in.
- 6) Click on "Community" at the top, and from the pull down menu, click on Community Rewards.
- 7) Click on "Enroll Now".
- 8) Near the bottom, you'll see Community Rewards and enter your Kroger card number and our organization number which is 82752.

(Or you can just search for Resale to the Rescue on that screen.)

That is all there is to it! We are Resale to the Rescue thank you and so do the little ones we help.

### 1 Corinthians 13:13 the Greatest of these is Love

Love is a Circle, from *Lift up Your Hearts* #94

I don't deserve, Lord, all that I'm feeling, But, Lord, I know you're real.  
 You've given me hope, you've given me healing, given your love as a seal.  
 I don't pretend to know every meaning of every thing God does.  
 All I can do is trust that I'm leaning on all the wonder of God's love.  
 God's Love is a circle, the heart of all that is real.  
 Love is a circle, and what you give you will feel.

Proverbs 17:17 A friend loves at all times

Proverbs 17:9 Love prospers when a fault is forgiven

