



First Presbyterian News

May 2025

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Dear Beloved FPC Mishawaka church family and friends,

When I think of the month of May, one word comes to mind: *family*. May is often referred to as “Family Month”, and for a good reason. At the heart of this month is **Mother’s Day**, which we celebrate every year on the **second Sunday of May**—this year, falling on **May 11th**. It is a remarkable day, one that gives us a special opportunity to honor the women who have poured out their lives for their children and families. Mothers embody sacrifice in so many unseen ways—through patience, love, and relentless care. We thank God for them. Whether your mother is still with you or has already gone to be with the Lord, may this day be a time of gratitude, remembrance, and blessing. For those who are mothers now, may you feel seen, honored, and deeply appreciated.

Yet while May centers on mothers, I also want to take a moment to reflect on the role of **fathers**. Traditionally, we wait until June to celebrate Father’s Day. But when we speak of *family*, both mothers and fathers are part of God’s beautiful design. Sometimes society overlooks the father’s role—perhaps because some fathers have been absent, uninvolved, or have not modeled the strength and love that fatherhood calls for. But that is not the whole story. A father’s presence in the family is not only necessary—it is *precious*. When a father loves his children and leads his home with grace, humility, and integrity, it leaves a mark that shapes generations. So even though May is not “**Father’s Month**”, I believe we can and should honor both mothers and fathers as we reflect on what it means to be family.

I once heard someone say that *family* stands for “**Father And Mother, I Love You**”. Though it may sound simple, it captures a deep truth—family begins with love. It is about honoring both parents, cherishing their presence, and showing them the love and respect they deserve. This reminds us of God’s commandment in Exodus 20:12

**“Honor your father and mother, so that your days may be long in the land
that the Lord your God is giving you.”**

This command is not just for children. It is a calling for all of us—to remember, to give thanks, and to show honor to the ones who raised us, guided us, and loved us. And for those whose parents have passed, may this month be a time of reflection. Many of us find that family gatherings often happen *because* of our parents—their presence brings people together, their love holds us in unity. If you are now in the role of parent, your love and presence matter more than you know. You are shaping the next generation with your faith, your words, and your example.

As we go through this month of May, let us cherish our families. Let us honor our mothers and fathers—not just on special days, but with lives that reflect the love they have given us.

With love in Christ, Pastor Daniel

Family

Worship & Music

Greetings from worship and music,



The following is thank you note we received from Sylvia Meyer. She recently shared her gift and talent of playing the flute during worship.

To Dr. Siwon Kim and the First Presbyterian Church of Mishawaka,
I wanted to thank you for such a wonderful experience at your church this past Sunday. It was an honor to be asked to play with Dr. Kim and the choir. Not only does your church have a great group of musicians, but you also are such a welcoming congregation. My family and I felt your hospitality and appreciated it a lot. Additionally, I felt the tone of your church service was powerful and intimate. I especially loved

the message and Pastor Daniel Cho's focus on embracing all forms of worship and giving your all to the Lord. I also wanted to thank you for your very generous compensation. I will be able to use this for my upcoming choir trip with Bethel University to Hawaii. We will be ministering to groups there through worship. Overall, thank you so much for the love of Christ your Church showed me and my family. I hope to join you again. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you need a flutist again!
- Sylvia Meyer
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* Prayers for the Nation and World.

For Peace and Justice around the world; for those who are suffering through conflicts/war; for protection and comfort for all those impacted as well as wisdom for all the world leaders making decisions. May respect, kindness, courage, and the ability to work through differences reign as they work towards being the peacemakers You designed us to be.

Prayers for:

* All who are dealing with heart, cancer, and health issues. Prayers for successful treatment, healing, comfort, and acceptance.

We hold up the names of: Kathy Bellairs, Dorothy Foley, Judy Sulak's cousin; Terri Keller, friend of Chris & Chuck Wukovits; Vicky Garrett, Patty Stanz, Erica, and Ken.

* Caregivers of family/friends. May they feel your love and sustaining power. Help us to be attentive of their feelings. We hold up the name of Jim Stanz.

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

* Our homebound members who always appreciate cards and calls.

We lift up: Kathy Bellairs, Jack Bruner, Ann Jones, Pat Harker, Esther Morrison, and Sandra Hamman.

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

Presbyterian Women at First Presbyterian Church, Mishawaka



Presbyterian Women Gathering

Each Circle meets once a month—Elizabeth is on the 3rd Monday of each month, Ruth is on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Circles meet at 7 p.m. A list of dates and times can be found on the church bulletin board. If you find yourself free, you are welcome to join us. For more information about Elizabeth Circle, please contact Mary Ann Dentino at 574.287.8573 or dentinosb@aol.com For more information about Ruth Circle, please contact Teresa Primmer at 574.220.3500 or gigiprimmer@gmail.com

PW UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, May 3rd from 10:00 a.m. – Noon

Malawi Work Day—Making Pillowcase dresses

Wednesday, June 4th at 5:30 p.m. at Church

Calendar Meeting—Carole Polk will host. Please bring a dish to share. All are welcome to attend as we celebrate the end of our program year and plan our next one.

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.

Work Days: *Wednesday, May 14th from 10-Noon*

Sale Days: *Pop up Sale, Saturday May 3rd from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.*

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



Purse Project The filled purses need to be returned by **Sunday, May 11th**. There will be a collection box in the Christian Ed lobby and 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 and not every item needs to be included. There will also be a list of suggested items inside the purse. Thanks so much for helping us with this worthwhile mission!

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!)

Mission—Our Faith in Action**MAC Mishawaka
Alliance of Care**

We delivered 22 lbs of food items in April. In March, they served 169 households—579 people. Keep the donations coming!

The pantry gives out toilet paper and soap in every cart. They also make available toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, deodorant, etc. as a choice item.

One Great Hour of Sharing Thank you to all who donated in support of this offering!

**THANK
YOU**

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

Psalm 40:3

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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;**June-September:** Tuesday 9-noon**Custodian hours:** Monday thru Friday 7 to noon**Contact us at** (574) 259-7874 or fpcmishawaka@gmail.com**MAIL ADDRESS:** First Presbyterian Church-Mishawaka

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Church Officers and Committees**Session:***Clerk of Session:* Teresa Primmer*Christian Education:* Darlene Seufert*Facilities/Operations:* Chuck Wukovits*Finance:* John Rice, treasurer*Mission:* Carole Polk*Personnel:* Ron May*Worship and Music:* Vicky Garret**Board of Deacons:***Moderator:* Lynett Heritz

Michael Green, John Martz Jr.

Jenn Frey, Teresa Primmer

Juliana Bidlack

Book Club: Judy Green**Newsletter:** Katie Robertson**Prayer Chain:** Lynett Heritz,
Darlene Seufert**PW:** Moderators—Chris Wukovits
Judy Green**Special Gifts:** Lynett Heritz**TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE****May...** Lynett Heritz,

Teresa Primmer

June... Carole Polk

Judy Green

**Please Send information for
the June/July Newsletter to
Katie Robertson by May 16th.
fpcmishawaka@gmail.com
Thank you!**

Book ClubBook Club: **May 18th** at 2:00 p.m. is *Briar Club* by Kate Quinn*Host,* Rose Marie Reif*Leader,* Dyan Phillips

Thanks, Judy Green



Church grounds clean-up day will be May 17th from 9:00 a.m. until we are finished.

Wishing all mothers and mother figures a blessed and happy Mother's Day!



Worship 10 am



Fellowship 11 am

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Upper Room Pop up Sale 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.
4 <i>Communion</i> Greeter.. Jae Cho Usher..Ethan DeMaegd Bill Bellairs W.L. Mary Ann Dentino	5	6	7	8	9 9-2—QoV	10 Malawi workday from 10 a.m.-Noon
11 Happy Mother's Day! Greeter..Jennifer Frey Usher..Carole Polk Greg Phillips W.L. Deacons meeting after worship PURSE DONATIONS DUE	12	13	14 Upper Room workday from 10 a.m.- Noon	15 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	16 * Newsletter Deadline	17 9:00 a.m.-done 
18 Greeter..Mary Ann Dentino Usher..Michael Green Carole Polk W.L. Alan Camren Session meeting after worship 2:00 p.m. Book Club	19 7:00 p.m. Eliz. Circle	20 World Bee Day 	21 7:00 p.m. Ruth Circle	22 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	23	24
25 Greeter..Carole Polk Usher..Bill Bellairs Ethan DeMaegd W.L. Dyan Phillips	26 Memorial Day 	27	28	29	30	31