



First Presbyterian News

October 2017

401 Lincolnway East, Mishawaka, In. 46544

Here is what is happening at First Presbyterian Church...

Turn back Clocks November 5th

All Saint's Day November 5th

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ST ANDREWS DAY, wear your plaid November 19th

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Happy Thanksgiving

1st Sunday of Advent November 26th

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2 services on December 24th, 10am a *simple service* and
7:30 pm Candlelight Service with hand bells!

Mission Committee We will be collecting items for the Thanksgiving baskets every Sunday thru November 12th. We want to provide meals for 14 families from Battell school. The list of things needed for each basket is: 3 cans of green beans 1 can of French Fried onions 1 large can of sweet potatoes 1 can of cranberry sauce 1 can of mushroom soup 2 boxes of turkey stuffing 1 package of instant mashed potatoes 1 jar of turkey gravy

We will be delivering the baskets on Sunday November 20. If you can help deliver a basket let Angela Bellinger know. Directions will be provided, thank you.

SCRAPBOOKING & CRAFTING CLUB with Brittany Rice

November 17th, Last one for 2017!! 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, card making, scrapbooking, paint, knitting, whatever! A cost of \$5 includes set-up & tear down. scrap.brittany@comcast.net

2018 dates: February 23, March 23, April 27, May 18, June 22, July 27,
August 31, September 28, October 26 and November 16, **mark your calendar now!**



Presbyterian Women 2017 – 2018 CALENDAR

- November 5 PWCT Meeting 11:30 am
- November 8 Bake Sale work night 6:00-8:00 cheeseball (make soup mixes)
- November 10 Set-up for Bake Sale in Fellowship Hall 8:00 a.m.
- November 11 **Bake Sale**/Vendor Fair- 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fellowship Hall
- January 13 **PW Winter Gathering** (PWCT Meeting @ 9 a.m.)
- January 15 **Kitchen clean-up** 10:00 a.m.
- February 4 PWCT Meeting 11:30 am
- March 10 **Joint Circle Mtg. & Bible Study** @10:00 a.m. (PWCT Meeting @ 9 a.m.)
Carry-in Brunch & Election of Officers
- April 8 **Gifts of Women Sunday** - Honorary Memberships
Birthday Offering Celebration, Installation of officers
- May 5 **Malawi Work Day** 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- TBD **Spring Gathering** – @ Geneva Center
- June 6 **Calendar Meeting & Supper** @ Church 5:30 p.m.
- August 2-5 **Churchwide Gathering in Louisville, Kentucky**



Ruth Circle meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm starting in October. Contact Teresa Primmer for information

- November 16th Darlene Seufert's
- December 21st at Teresa Primmer's
- January 18th at Church (Judy Sulak)
- February 15th at Dyan Phillips's
- March 10th Joint meeting at church Brunch
- April 19th at Teresa Primmer's
- May 16th at Rose Marie Reif's

Elizabeth Circle meets the 3rd Monday of the month starting in October. Contact Mary Ann Dentino for information

- November 20th at Susan May's
- December 18 at Chris Wukovits
- January 13 meet at the church (Pam Camren)
- February 19 at Mary Ann Dentino's
- March 10 joint meeting at church Brunch
- April 16 at Mary Watt's
- May 21 at Janna McLean's

Presbyterian Women's Bible Study: **Cloud of Witnesses; The Community of Christ in Hebrews** by Melissa Bane Sevier. Cost of Study Book is \$10, books are available in the CE Office. See circle chair or Darlene to purchase.

Ding-Dong-Ding!!! Have you thought about trying your hand at bell ringing? Here is your chance, starting Tuesday, November 7th thru December 19th, the **Canticle Ringers** will practice at the church at 7 pm. Judy Green has volunteered to direct/teach with plans to ring at the Christmas Eve services. So, just seven evenings is your whole commitment. Please contact Judy if you would like to join in. Thank you. (MTCGJAG@aol.com)

Book Club: November 19th, *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult. Darlene Seufert will host and lead discussion, snacks provided by Judy Green. *A baby, a black nurse, white supremacist parents and a trial*: how would you act/react if this was you? A meaningful read.
On December 17th, *The Nest* by Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney.
and January 21st, *Winter Garden* by Kristin Hannah.
 We would love to have you join us. Contact me if you have any questions. Thanks, Judy.
 (MTCGJAG@aol.com)

PW Bake Sale November 11, 2017 9am to 2pm

Sign up sheets to prepare goodies we are looking for (the favorites/best sellers) are on the clipboards. Sign up sheets to workers on Bake Sale day are there also. And THANK YOU, our members make this a vital fundraiser for us.

PLEASE No pre-packaging, we are asking for only 2-3 dozen of one type of each goodie.

Fudge, pies and holiday themed items sell well either Thanksgiving or Christmas. If you are making a recipe from the PW cookbook let us know so we can promote that aspect.

Yes, we will once again have lunch for purchase. And don't forget Deacons' chicken salad sale!

Flyer (on the last page) is for you to share with friends and co-workers. Extra flyers on the CE desk.

Any questions please see Judy Green, Carole Polk or Lynett Heritz.

From the Deacons...

- **The Deacons will be selling frozen Nelson's Port-a-Pit chicken and containers of chicken salad** during the Presbyterian Women's Annual Bake Sale/Vendor Fair on **November 11**. The monies will go towards our Children's Christmas Shopping on December 2.
- **Children's Christmas Clothing Shopping** is scheduled for **Saturday, December 2**. at J C Penney's. Looking for folks who would like to help guide parents through the store for the best shopping experience that day. If you are available for a couple of hours and would like to help please talk to any of the Deacons (Tom Camren, Pam Martz, Jason Pursehouse or Judy Sulak, Lynett, Teresa) to sign up. You won't be sorry for this great experience!
- If you would like to donate a poinsettia(s) for the Advent season in memory of /or honoring someone, please make your checks payable to **FPC Deacon's Flower Fund**, and don't forget to include the name(s) to be honored.
- **Greeters** are always needed on Sunday mornings. If you would like to greet before the service, please contact Judy Sulak. Thank You.

NEWS FROM THE MAC

From Sheilia Swinehart, MAC Administer Coordinator:

Statistics for September indicate an increasing number of families are visiting the Food Pantry. When donations of food are down it is necessary to purchase items from the Food Bank in order to serve the clients. Cash donations: \$681; Expenditures: \$1320. Number of households served 234; individuals, 841.

Sheilia attended a mandatory meeting in September. An eight page contract describing the rules in place for all Food Pantries was explained to the Board, ie. expiration dates of food; the manner in which food is stored; new forms required for clients to fill in each time they visit the Pantry; counseling the volunteers who interact with the clients, etc. This contract has to be signed by the coordinator after informing Pantry volunteers as to these new requirements.

The Vineyard Church on Jackson Road had a food drive and will be delivering approximately 2000 pounds of food on October 15. That donation will certainly help fill the shelves.

The Pantry will be receiving left-over snacks from the American Cancer Walk. These are offered to clients as they wait in line for food.

Last month, a request went out to member churches asking for a volunteer who would be willing to design a newsletter to be sent to the churches. It would consist of interesting events of each congregation. A volunteer has "stepped up". The idea of the newsletter is an attempt to keep the churches connected in service to the community.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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Custodian hours: Monday thru Friday 8am to 1 pm

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Smile When You Use Amazon this Christmas!

Shop from Amazon, donate to PW! Visit smile.amazon.com and select Presbyterian Women as your favorite charitable organization. Shop as you normally would but when you shop through Amazon Smile, a portion of the purchase of eligible items is donated to Presbyterian Women. In other words: you shop, Amazon gives, PW receives!

Church Officers and Committees

Session: Angela Bellinger, Alan Camren, Judy Green, Ron May, Chuck Wukovits, Janna McLean

Board of Deacons: Lynett Heritz; moderator, Tom Camren, Pam Martz, 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:**

Lynett Heritz and Pam Camren

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

Judy Green, Chair

Newsletter deadline is November 17 at noon for the December & January issue. Please send information to Sue Rice at suce@aol.com or email Judy, church secretary at officejudyk@gmail.com. You can also mail to church or phone Judy.

34th Christmas

- ◆ Rehearsals for the drama are Saturday mornings.
- ◆ **NO rehearsal Thanksgiving weekend.**
- ◆ Dress rehearsal will be Wednesday December 6th. TBD
- ◆ Performance dates are December 9 & 10 at 7:00 pm.
- ◆ We are so very pleased to share this special program, please share with family and friends, inviting them to join us for a special drama to *enlighten* the meaning of Christmas.
- ◆ Have questions? Please contact Judy Green or Vicky Garrett.

Hanging of the Greens will take place on November 19th after St. Andrew's Day Fellowship. Many hands will make light work of decorating our sanctuary and the rest of the church for Advent.

There is a need for nursery workers. Please consider spending a Sunday morning getting to know and enjoy our young ones. Sign up sheet posted or contact Darlene for more information.

The **Mission Committee** will be doing an ongoing band-aid Drive for the Memorial children's cancer ward. They do have band-aids for the kids but they are plain, boring ones. Let's have fun by providing FUN band-aids for them to use. Just imagine the smiles as the children pick Mickey, Elmo or Hot Neon Pink! When you are out shopping pick up a box or two and place in the basket on the hutch in the CE lobby. Thank you.

Worship 10 am
Fellowship at 11 am
Talk Back 11:10 am

November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 <i>34th Christmas rehearsal</i>
5 Fall Back Clocks <i>All Saint's Day</i> Greeter: Rose Marie Reif Ushers: Ethan D. & Dan B. W. Leader: Judy Sulak	6	7 <i>Bells 7pm</i>	8	9	10 <i>Set up bake sale</i>	11 <i>Veterans Day Bake Sale Deacon fund raiser 34 rehearsal</i>
12 Stewardship Sunday <i>acolyte: Julie Rice</i> Greeter: Darlene Seufert ushers: Carole P. & Bill B. W. Leader: Chris Wukovits Time with Children Darlene	13	14 <i>Bells 7pm</i>	15	16 <i>Ruth circle at Darlene's</i>	17 <i>Newsletter Deadline Scrapbooking 6pm to 11pm Fellowship Hall</i>	18 <i>34 rehearsal</i>
19 St. Andrew's Day <i>acolyte Julie Rice</i> Greeter: Bill Bellairs ushers: Michael G. & Judy S. W. Leader: Chuck Wukovits Hanging of the Greens <i>Book Club 2pm</i>	20 <i>Elizabeth circle at Susan May's</i>	21 <i>Bells 7pm</i>	22	23 <i>office closed</i>	24 <i>office closed</i>	25 <i>NO 34 rehearsal</i>
26 1st Sunday of Advent Greeter: Bill Bellairs Ushers: Greg P. & Neil S. W. Leader: Dyan Phillips	27	28 <i>Bells 7pm</i>	29	30	Happy Thanksgiving	
						Deacon's Christmas Shopping <i>34 rehearsal</i>

Why do we call money saved for a rainy day a "nest egg"?

The term nest egg usually refers to saving that compounds or grows with interest or through investments. This expression is an old one and comes from a trick poultry farmers use to increase a hen's egg — laying ability. By placing a false egg (often a doorknob) in her nest, the farmer fools the chicken into laying more eggs than she otherwise would, meaning more money for the farmer, which he credits to his "nest egg."

*First Presbyterian Church Mishawaka
Stewardship Letter and Pledge Card*

This year we are inviting members to gather together on Sunday November 12 to reaffirm our commitment to the mission of First Presbyterian Church.

First Presbyterian Church Mishawaka is a welcoming community called by God to be followers of Jesus Christ, fed by the word of God, and sent by the Holy Spirit into the world to live lives of stewardship and service. We do this through worship, music, pastoral care, congregational life, education programs, programs for children and youth, financial support for agencies doing God's work locally and elsewhere, and maintaining our facilities. The fulfillment of this depends upon financial support by all members. Your timely submission of a pledge for next year will help advance our mission for 2018.

The Stewardship Committee asks that all members please bring a completed 2018 pledge card (enclosed) to worship on November 12. Pledge cards will also be available to complete at the November 12 worship service. If you cannot attend, please bring or mail your pledge to the church as soon as possible.

We look forward to seeing you on Commitment Sunday November 12.

Yours in Christ,

*The Stewardship Committee:
Ronald May, chair; Dick Dentino, John Rice*

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2018 Member Pledge Card

TAKE A STEP FORWARD FOR CHRIST! *In response to God's love and as a concrete expression of my faith and in commitment to Christ and his church, I plan to take this step forward in my giving (check one as appropriate):*

- STEP UP TOWARD TITHING.** *I will move toward the goal of tithing.*
- STEP UP TO TITHING.** *I will give a tenth of my income to God's work.*
- STEP UP BEYOND TITHING.** *I wish to do more than God's minimum.*

MY COMMITMENT FOR 2018 IS \$ _____ *per week month quarter year (circle one)*
_____ *check if this is an increase over 2017.*

NAME: _____ **DATE:** _____ **2017**

This commitment may be changed at any time due to changing circumstances

Presbyterian Women Vendor Fair & Bake Sale

Sat. November 11TH, 9 am - 2 pm

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homemade noodles * cheeseballs

soup mixes * fresh baked goods * breads

cookies by the pound 



Seasonal crafters and décor



Handcrafted items for yourself and your home

Thirty-One Mary Kay Norwex Jamberry

Pampered Chef Damsel in Defense Perfectly Posh

Lunch starts at 11:00 a.m.

****Thank you for supporting our Mission
Work both locally and abroad.*