



# First Presbyterian News

November 2021

401 Lincolnway East, Mishawaka, In. 46544

## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DANIEL

There are four special days for us to remember and celebrate in November: "All Saints' Day", "Saint Andrew's Day", "Thanksgiving Day" and "1st Sunday of Advent".

In our FPC Mishawaka tradition, we call the names of those saints "Our loved Ones" lost in the previous year and ring the bell of remembrance as a way of thanking and honoring their faithful life and service on earth. We also keep this day by praying that someday we may be counted among those saints who have gone before us on the Day of the Lord.

On St. Andrews Day, we celebrate this Sunday with special readings "Scottish Psalter: Psalm 23" & "Scottish Benediction" and bagpipe music. When Len plays "Amazing Grace", the mournful wail of the bagpipes gives me chills and fills my hearts with tears and thanksgiving for God's abundant grace. The reading of Psalm 23 always reminds me of the care and protection of my Lord, who is Good Shepherd for all people, and the words of the Scottish Benediction enlightens my heart and fills me with hope.

November is the month of Gratitude. This is the month that we can examine our life more closely, and reflect on God's blessing in our lives, and express our gratitude for the things that God has done for us. What are you grateful for this coming Thanksgiving? Jae and I deeply thankful to the Lord for giving us our first child "Gabie", and the blessings that we have received from our church family and friends. I still wonder what if I haven't gotten called from First Presbyterian Church Mishawaka about two and half years ago, would this ever be happened to my family? I would like to call this "Miracle".

Every birth is a miracle of God. But the most miraculous birth in our history is Jesus who came to bring hope and redemption to all people. As we begin to prepare our hearts to celebrate the First Sunday of Advent (Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>), it gives us an opportunity to reflect and meditate our thoughts on hope. More than 2000 years ago, Christ entered into this broken world to give us hope. Yes, we have hope beyond this life because Christ has opened the door of eternal life for us through his death and resurrection. Christ is the foundation of our hope.

As we observe and celebrate from All Saints' Day to the First Sunday of Advent, may our hearts be filled with the blessings of grace, gratitude and hope in the month of November.

Blessings,

Pastor Daniel

**Worship and Music**

**Judy Sulak, Chair**

Blessings to all from worship and music, November is a busy month filled with so many reasons to count our blessings in our families, communities and our church.

November 7th is our celebration of All Saints' Day. Please send Nancy the names of those who have passed on.

November 21 is Saint Andrew's Day. Those who can bake short bread we'll need your help.

November 25 is Thanksgiving. A time set aside to give thanks for all we have and for everyone in our lives.

November 28 is the 1st Sunday in Advent.

Worship leaders.

Ushers

11.7 Judy Green communion. Ethan DeMaegd

All Saints day

11.14 Chris Wukovits Carol Polk, Greg Phillips

11.21 Chuck Wukovits Michael Green

11.28 Dyan Phillips Neil Seufert Dan Bruner

Communion

I'm putting together the worship leader schedule as well as the usher schedule. I'll be keeping the same rotation as this past year. We are looking for additional ushers so that we can go back to having 2 ushers every Sunday. Anyone who would like to be an usher or a worship leader please contact Judy Sulak.

**From the DEACONS**

~~**Hanging of the Greens:** Nov. 21st following the service. We will be decorating the sanctuary after St. Andrew's Day fellowship starting around 11:30. Many hands make light work of beautifying our sanctuary for Advent.~~

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**Deacon's Christmas Shopping** at JC Penney's will take place **December 4th 8:00 a.m.** - this is the plan, but watch bulletin for any updates in date or time. We are requesting names of 50 children from School City Mishawaka. Donations should be in by Nov 28th. There are envelopes in your offering box and in the church pews, put "Deacon's Christmas Shopping" in the memo section.

We are still in the planning stages and assume Covid will play a role in our plans. We understand if you are still not comfortable in shopping. This has always been a hands-on mission and we need people to help the parents with shopping. This mostly consists of holding purchases and keeping track of money spent. Shopping usually takes about an hour, maybe a little longer if we have to assign multiple families. Then you are free to shop for yourself! Sign-up on the Clip Board and meet us outside JC Penny's catalog door at 7:45 am.

The parents are so grateful for much needed clothes. It is truly a rewarding experience. JC Penney's has been very generous and helpful over the years, so keep them in mind when planning for your shopping needs.



This is an example of some of the fine work done by our Presbyterian Women. Baby bundles are put together, blessed by Pastor Daniel during a worship service and then delivered with area hospitals to be given to new mothers. Each bundle also includes a nice message welcoming the new baby and inviting the mother to visit the church.

**MISSION COMMITTEE**

**Mary Ann Dentino, Chair**

**Gobble Gobble Gobble**

This year we will again be providing Thanksgiving baskets to families of Battell School to help them better enjoy the spirit of giving thanks for all the blessings we have been given.

Listed below are items our congregation can donate. A container will be provided in the Christian Ed Lobby. Please bring to the church by November 14 so the baskets can be assembled and ready for delivery on November 21. Each basket will contain the following:

- 3 cans of green beans
- Deep fried onions
- Can of sweet potatoes
- Can of cranberry sauce
- Can of mushroom soup
- 2 boxes of turkey stuffing
- Package of instant mashed potatoes
- Jar or can of turkey gravy

The following items will be purchased and delivered with the baskets. Donations for this may be given to Mary Ann Dentino or any member of the Mission Committee.

- Turkeys (vouchers for turkeys)
- Pies
- Dinner rolls

Thank you so much for your help.  
Mission Committee



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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

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**MAC Mishawaka Alliance of Care**

**MAC Food Pantry**

**Janet Freeman**

Updates have been sketchy lately, but the Food Pantry continues to appreciate the donations of items, time and your continued support.

**Church Officers and Committees**

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

**Board of Deacons:**

Carole Polk Moderator, Bill Bellairs, Tom Camren, Pam Martz, Jenn Frey, Jim Stanz

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Mary Ann Dentino, Chair

**Newsletter:** Nancy Adams

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**Presbyterian Women:**

Carole Polk and Judy Green

**Special Gifts:** Sue Rice, Chair

**Stewardship:** Ron May, Chair

**Treasurer:** John Rice

**Worship and Music:**

Judy Sulak, Chair

**BOOK STUDY UPDATE**

We will be beginning this year's holiday book study of The Heart That Grew Three Sizes with sessions on November 2, 9, 16, and 23. (We had changed the last one because it is Thanksgiving week.) We waited to announce a time for the studies until a decision was made about whether or not there would be supper as well. It was decided to have a light supper starting at 6:15 with the book study starting at 7:00. You are welcome to come for one or both. And you are always encouraged to bring guests.

**2021 TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE**

JANUARY DARLENE

FEBRUARY JUDY S.

MARCH PAM M.

APRIL ANGELA

MAY LYNETT

JUNE JUDY G./CAROLE

JULY DYAN

AUGUST LYNETT

SEPTEMBER BRITTANY

OCTOBER TERESA/LYNETT

NOVEMBER MARY ANN

DECEMBER JUDY G./

CAROLE





## PREBYTERIAN WOMEN

### NOVEMBER 13th – PW BAKE AND VENDOR SALE



November is a very busy month for Presbyterian Women with noodles, cheese Balls and soups being made for the Bake Sale. Then we start baking and baking some More. Our annual Vendor and Bake Sale has been very successful in recent years which helps PW give more money to local, national and international organizations. The date is November'13th and we appreciate those who bake, help set up, clean up and be on hand to assist our guests. We also hope you come and buy our baked goods and buy from our vendors.

### Bible Study: WHAT MY GRANDMOTHER TAUGHT ME

November Bible Study is chapter 3: RAHAB. The story of Rahab is found in Joshua 6:22-25. A woman of questionable character, Rahab lies to her king to protect the spies Joshua has sent into the city. Rahab proclaims her belief in God and converts to the Jewish faith. The Elizabeth Circle meets the third Thursday. Check the weekly bulletin for locations. There are still books available in Fellowship Hall or on the CE desk.

### Upper Room

PW held our final Upper Room sale and after sorting and cleaning up the marking room, our work is done for 2021. We thank those who contribute items, mark items and make our rooms look inviting for our shoppers. Look for work days and sale days for 2022.

## ALL SAINTS' DAY

We will be observing All Saints' Day on Sunday, November 7th. I have kept a list of names all year (below) but if you have someone you would like added, please provide me the person's name, affiliation with the church or member and date of death. Please get the information to me by November 3rd. Thank you.

Larry Gardner, Elizabeth McCurdie, Shirley Engelhardt, Dick Dentino, Larry Scarborough, Paul Hartin, Patricia Frey, David Banks, Daniel Daly, Donna Hough, Jean Bruner, John Easton, John Moore and Andrew Betts.

## UPCOMING BOOK CLUB INFORMATION

Nov 21  
The Paris Library by Janet Charles  
Host: ??  
Leader: Dyan P

Dec 19  
Christmas Day in the Morning  
Host: ??  
Leader Judy G



# Presbyterian Women Vendor Fair & Bake Sale

Sat. November 13<sup>TH</sup> 9 am - 2 pm

First Presbyterian Church Mishawaka  
401 Lincolnway East

homemade noodles \* cheeseballs

soup mixes \* fresh baked goods \* breads



Cookies by the pound

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Seasonal Crafters and Décor

Handcrafted Items for yourself & your home

Pallet Art, Homespun Creations, Quilts of Valor, Teanie Gardens, Floral Arrangements, Handmade Wooden toys.

Mary Kay Norwex Pampered Chef Wink Naturals  
Snaps Charmed Jewelry Color Street Nails Scentsy

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No lunch available - Masks required & social distancing practices in place

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





# NOVEMBER

**Worship 10 am**

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1 All Saints' Day</b>	<b>2</b> Book study – supper 6:15 study 7:00 p.m.	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7 Communion</b>  All Saints' Day observed  PWCT meeting – 11:15 a.m.  DST ends	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Book study – supper 6:15; study 7:00 p.m.	<b>10</b> Bake sale work night – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Set up for bake sale – 8:00 a.m.	<b>13 VENDOR BAKE SALE – 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.</b>
<b>14</b> Deacons' meeting – 11:15 a.m.	<b>15</b> Elizabeth Circle – 7:00 p.m. at church	<b>16</b> Book study – supper 6:15; study 7:00 p.m.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Quilts of Valor – 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Ruth Circle – 7:00	<b>20</b> Quilts of Valor – 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
<b>21</b> Hanging of the greens following worship  Book club – 3:00 p.m.	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Book study – supper 6:15; study 7:00 p.m.	<b>24</b>	<b>25 Thanksgiving</b>  Office closed	<b>26 Office closed</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28 Communion</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				

