

## First Presbyterian News

November 2022

401 Lincolnway East  
Mishawaka, IN. 46544

For me, November always seems to be a time for reflection on thankfulness because of Thanksgiving Day we celebrate in the U.S. I think it is an appropriate time to take a few minutes to pause and reflect on what God has done for us throughout the year and give thanks to Him. There are so many things around us and in our lives to be thankful for. What are you thankful for?

Shortly after graduating from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, Henry Smith wrote a following song:

**"Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,  
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.  
And now let the weak say, 'I am strong;'  
let the poor say, 'I am rich'  
because of what the Lord has done for us."**

The title of the song is "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart", and you will be able to find this song in the hymnal **"Lift Up Your Hearts: Songs for Creative Worship"** on page 114.

Henry Smith wrote the song during a difficult time in his life. After graduating from seminary, he was having difficulty finding a long-term career and struggling with his eyesight due to a degenerative eye disease. However, Henry found hope and strength in 2 Corinthians 8:9 despite those hardships, that **Christ though he was rich, became poor for our sakes that we might become rich in him**. This scripture pulled on his heartstrings and led him to write this song. The song focuses on Jesus Christ, who gave up his heavenly glory and came down on earth to live as a man to suffer and die on the cross. Jesus gave up his righteousness in order that we might become the righteousness of God.

It can be difficult to give thanks when we're faced with tough circumstances for which we aren't grateful for. Still, is it possible to give thanks to God? In 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, the apostle writes, **"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances: for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."** The call to give thanks in all circumstances does not mean that they should engage in thanksgiving every moment. The apostle never instructed the church to thank God for evil events, but to thank God that even in evil times and circumstances, our hope remains and God continues His work in our lives. No matter what the circumstances, we ought to give thanks to God, not for the difficult circumstances, but for God's salvation through Christ Jesus. In Christ, God's power is present in weakness, God's wisdom in foolishness.

**Give thanks to God, who gives us the victory and hope through our Lord Jesus Christ!**

Happy Thanksgiving!

Pastor Daniel



## Presbyterian Women at First Presbyterian Church, Mishawaka



### PW Vendor/Bake Sale

Even though Presbyterian Women have had a “Bake Sale” for many years as a way to raise money for mission projects, this year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary including vendors. A few vendors have even been with us the entire 10 years while others new to us return year after year. We have been blessed to grow and build a “good name” even during the rough times of COVID. So it is that time to stock your baking pantry, ready the mixers and grease the loaf pans. We welcome new recipes to share, but will also be asking those who are able to, to make the baked goods that fly off the table year after year. We are very grateful for all the bakers that contribute to the sale, THANK YOU! Flyers will be available shortly to handout (paper & electronic), see Carole, Judy G or Lynett for those. We ask that you help us spread the word. Also, if you live in a heavily trafficked area, see Judy G if you are willing to display a small yard sign for a week prior to the sale. Lastly but not forgotten, we need workers for the day of the sale to help with table set up the Sunday prior and table breakdown at the end of the sale. More details will be coming in the bulletin or “news of the church” announcements on Sundays.

### Save the Date

PW is hosting an Advent Potluck following worship on December 4th. PW will provide the main course and beverages. Everyone attending will need to bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert. It will be so fun reinstating the potlucks again! I can't think of a better way to get into the Christmas spirit! There will be a sign-up sheet in the CE lobby beginning November 13th. You can also sign up on the Ritual of Friendship pads in the sanctuary or by calling the church office during regular business hours. Ugly Christmas sweaters are encouraged, but not required.

Chris Wukovits

### Presbyterian Women Circles

The new study has started with a kick off in September as the ladies study Celebrating Sabbath: accepting God's gifts of rest and delight. Each Circle meets once a month—Elizabeth is on the 3rd Monday of each month, contact Mary Ann Dentino for more details and Ruth is on the 3rd Thursday of each month, contact Teresa Primmer for more details. A list of dates and times can be found on the church bulletin board. If you find yourself free, you are very welcome to join us.

### Deacons Christmas Shopping

Christmas shopping at JC Penny will take place Saturday, December 3rd, time TBA. We are requesting names of 50 children from the School City of Mishawaka. The opportunity to help children in our area receive adequate clothing is one of our greatest missions. Can you help with shopping? This mostly consists of holding purchases and keeping track of money spent. Shopping usually takes about an hour or 2, then you are free to shop for yourself! Sign-up on the Clip Board and meet us outside JC Penny's catalog doors. Watch bulletin for meeting times. The parents are so grateful for Christmas gifts. It is truly a rewarding experience. JC Penny's has been very generous and helpful over the years, so keep them in mind when planning your shopping. We hope to spend about \$75 per child. Donations should be in by November 28th. There are envelopes in your offering box and in the church pews. Put “Deacon's Christmas Shopping” in the memo section of your check. Carole Polk and the Deacons



JCPenney



# Presbyterian Women Vendor Fair & Bake Sale

Saturday, November 12th 9 am—2 pm  
First Presbyterian Church Mishawaka  
401 Lincolnway East (Enter East door)

homemade noodles \* cheeseballs \* beef  
sticks \* soup mixes \* fresh baked goods  
Cookies by the pound

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Seasonal Crafters and Décor  
Handcrafted Items for yourself & your  
home



## Direct Sale Vendors

Pallet Art \* Homespun Treasures \* Teanie Gardens\* Crafts in a Flash  
Handmade Wooden items\* TopCoat Creations \* Quilted & Knitted Items  
Christmas and Winter décor \* Collectables \* Mary Kay \* Norwex  
Wink Naturals \* Snaps Charmed Jewelry \* Color Street Nails \*  
ScentSy \*

*Bake Sale is cash only. Some vendors MAY accept CC*

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



Sunday, October 16th was Dedication Sunday for the many sewing and knitting projects that the Presbyterian Women do. All year long, the ladies spend some of their free time sewing, knitting, washing, and buying various items to make Malawi Matters items for our sisters in Malawi—hats and mittens for local children and the baby bundles for new mothers to have something to take their babies home in. Pastor Daniel gave a blessing over the items, which will be sent out in the coming weeks.



**Feeding the Community**

Don't forget the food cart. Some non-staple items we can use—Jello, Jiffy corn bread, Rice-a-Roni, or other boxed pastas. If there is a sale on multiple quantity items, buy one for yourself and one for the cart.

### MAC Mishawaka Alliance of Care

Mishawaka Alliance of Care (MAC) has always been a community oriented organization. Presently we are focused on serving the food pantry, hosted at Albright Church, Mishawaka. Our Board members are representatives from local donor churches. Janet Freeman was our board president for several years, but is no longer able to attend meetings. Therefore we are currently missing a member from your church. We hope there is someone else from First Presbyterian Church who would be willing to be a board member. We meet bimonthly on the 1st Thursday of the month, 10:00am at Albright Church. Our next meeting is December 1st, 2022. If you are interested or have question, please call Alice Anderson, board president, 574 255 4240. Letters can be addressed to MAC Food Pantry, Albright Church, 504 W. Mishawaka, IN 46545.

Sincerely, MAC Board Members

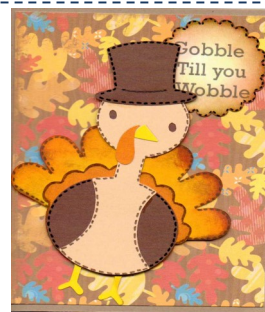
### GOBBLE, GOBBLE, GOBBLE

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 that our congregation can donate for the baskets. A container will be provided in the Christian Ed Lobby. Please have your items here by November 13th so the baskets can be assembled and ready for delivery on November 20th. 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 dressing, 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 can be given to Mary Ann Dentino.

*Turkeys (vouchers for turkeys), Pies, Dinner rolls*

Thank you in advance for your generous donations!!



Mary Ann Dentino

### The Remembrance of First Presbyterian Saints for 2022

Ruth Luke—October 26, 2021

Yolanda Pecze—December 3, 2021 (Mother of Pam Martz)

Ken Boyer—March 14, 2022 (Friend of the Green Family)

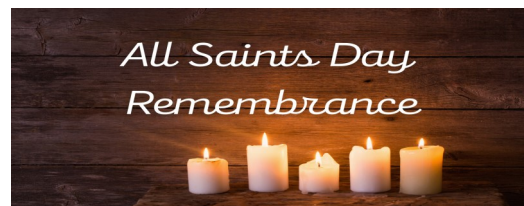
Steve Hendershot—March 15, 2022 (Neighbor of the Green Family)

George Luke—April 7, 2022

David Keller—April

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Georgia Mary Vratana—October 3, 2022



### All Saint's Day Remembrances List from Special Gifts

Ada Meengs Altar Cloth, Claudia Riggs Geneva Center Campership,

New Church Grounds Landscaping: Jeanette Davis, Richard Dentino, Janice Farkus, Arthur Harker,

John Heritz, Elizabeth Johnson, Judith Long, Elizabeth McCurdie, Ada Meengs,

Harold Morey, Yolanda Pecze, Gordon Reif, Martha Riggs and James & Christine Sneddon



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**Book Club**Book Club, set for November 20th at 3:00 p.m. , is *The Book of Lost Names* Location: Darlene Seufert, Leader: DyanBook Club, set for December 18th at 3:00 p.m. is *Midnight at the Blackbird Café* Location: Teresa Primmer, Leader Judy G

Judy Green

**Worship & Music**

Autumn is here and winter is just around the corner. November and December are busy months in the life of the church. November 6th is All Saints Day—the day we honor those who have passed on. They will be missed. November 20th is St. Andrew's Day with bag pipes and hopefully shortbread. Advent starts November 27th through December 18th. Christmas Eve service is always a joyous time. There will be a guest speaker on Sunday, December 25th. Yes, we are a busy congregation and we are so blessed. Thank you to all who have served as worship leaders and ushers this year. We look forward to your service in the year to come. We are always looking for volunteers for these positions. We wish you all many blessings.

Judy Sulak, worship and music chair

**Devotion, Discipleship, and Dessert!**

Please join us for an inspirational Advent book study called *The Angels of Christmas* by Susan Robb. There are so many familiar symbols of the Christmas season: stars, decorated trees, gifts, carols — and of course, angels. An angel often takes the prestigious position at the top of our tree. We will be exploring the angelic visits surrounding the birth of Jesus with Zechariah, Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds. Our book study will be a four week exploration surrounding the angels of Christmas on Wednesday evenings, beginning October 26th through November 16th, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will begin our sessions with dessert. Heavenly! I hope you can join us!

There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the CE lobby so I will have enough books for everyone.

Do you have what it takes to be a Christmas angel?

Christine Wukovits

**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

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**Facilities/Operations:** John Martz**Chair Book Club:** Judy Green**Clerk of Session:** Teresa Primmer**Chair Christian Education:** Chris

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**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:** Chris

Wukovits and Judy Green

**Chair Special Gifts:** Sue Rice**Chair Stewardship:** Ron May**Treasurer:** John Rice**Chair Worship and Music:** Judy

Sulak

**TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE 2022****November...Mary Ann****December...Judy G./Carole****Hanging of the Greens**

Following the service on November 20th, 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. Carole Polk and the Deacons

Worship 10 am



November



Fellowship 11 am

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <b>All Saints Day</b>	2 Book Study at 6:30p.m. in Fellowship Hall	3	4	5  Remember to set clocks back 1 hour
6 <b>All Saints Day observed</b> <i>Communion</i> Greeter.. Bill Bellairs Usher.. Ethan DeMaegd W.L. Chuck Wukovits PWCT meeting after worship *Daylight Saving Time ends	7	8 Bake Sale work night from 6p.m.—8p.m.	9 Book Study at 6:30p.m. in Fellowship Hall	10	11 Set up for Bake Sale in Fellowship Hall starting at 8a.m.—finished	12 Bake Sale from 9a.m.—2p.m. 
13 Greeter.. Bill Bellairs Usher.. Carole Polk/ Michael G. W.L. Dyan Phillips Deacons meeting after worship	14	15	16 Upper Room workday from 2p.m.-4p.m.  Book Study at 6:30p.m. in Fellowship Hall	17 Ruth Circle 7p.m. @ Darlene's	18 QoV from 9a.m.—2p.m.	19
20 Greeter.. Bill Bellairs Usher.. Michael Green W.L. Alan Camren Worship & Music meeting after worship Hanging of the Greens 	21 Elizabeth Circle 7p.m. at church	22	23	24 Office closed <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> 	25 Office closed	26
27 1st Sunday of Advent Greeter.. Bill Bellairs Usher.. Neil Seufert W.L. Judy Sulak Book Club at 3 p.m. @ Lynett's Session meeting after worship	28	29	30		<div> <b>Please Send information for the December/January Newsletter to Katie Robertson by November 17th.</b>  <b><a href="mailto:fpcmishawaka@gmail.com">fpcmishawaka@gmail.com</a> Thank you!</b> </div>	