



First Presbyterian News

November 2024

401 Lincolnway East

Mishawaka, IN. 46544

By the time you read this letter, you may already know the outcome of the U.S. presidential election, or you might still be waiting. Since 2016, our nation has become deeply divided. This division goes beyond just race, ethnicity, or gender—it's much more complicated and hard to fully understand. People are split over a wide range of issues, from politics to values, and these differences aren't always easy to pinpoint or explain. Some might blame the candidates for creating this division, but that's only part of the story. Our divide runs deeper, reflecting broader disagreements about what kind of country we want to be, how we should move forward, and how we see the future. The reasons behind it are complex, touching on economic struggles, cultural changes, and shifting beliefs that have caused people to view each other with distrust, and even fear. It's not just the political leaders driving this; it's the environment we've been living in for years now, which has fueled this sense of separation. In the midst of this growing division, it's easy to feel disheartened and disconnected. Yet, even in these difficult times, there are stories that remind us of the power of kindness and understanding, even in the face of deep disagreement. One such story that I shared back in 2020 seems especially relevant today.

This story comes from Pastor David Earl Ross, a highly respected minister within the Korean Christian community in Washington. He and his wife, both fluent in Korean, moved to Korea in 1961 and spent 25 years serving there, leaving a profound and lasting impact on the Korean Christian community. Here's the story they shared:

We were having breakfast in a local restaurant a few days ago, when we overheard a discussion by two middle aged gentlemen. The two men were good friends. But one was rich, the other poor. One was a Republican, the other Democrat. Their ideas conflicted with each other, especially when they talked about the upcoming presidential election in the United States. What impressed me was the kindness, openness, and willingness to listen to one another's ideas without exploding in anger and walking away with hostility. They disagreed very strongly, but they were willing to listen. They even hugged one another as they left the restaurant. Ellen and I, and the waitress, wanted to applaud! Most importantly, they maintained their friendship and allowed the other to disagree, even strongly. Their disagreements did not destroy their relationship with one another. In this ear of conflict in so many nations—great and bitter division in the United States over politics and economics, and great and bitter division in South Korea over politics and economics—it has been sad to see relationships destroyed and friendships dissolve. This may be inevitable for non-Christians, although I do not think it should be so. However, it is deeply ironic and immature for Christians to be so proud and stubborn and self-righteous that they are not able to have a good, strong disagreement with one another and still accept, welcome, and love one another as Christ accepts, welcomes, and loves us. I am wondering if the world can detect any difference between Christians and non-Christians when we talk about things pertaining to nations and world affairs. I choose to believe we can make a difference. Only in Jesus!

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No matter the outcome of the election of 2024, it's important to respond with calm and respect. We shouldn't let frustration or anger drive our reactions. Instead, let's focus on showing kindness and understanding to those around us, even when we disagree. Our unity in Christ is stronger than any political result, and we can choose to approach this moment with grace, trusting in His guidance.

Are we willing to stay respectful and open when interacting with those who hold opposing views? What actions can we take to preserve unity and peace, even when we feel strongly about particular issues? How can our faith shape our responses and attitudes when faced with differing opinions? As we navigate these challenging times and the differences that may arise, let us remember the words of Romans 12:18 — **“If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.”**

May we strive to be instruments of peace, choosing respect and understanding, even when we don't see eye to eye. Through God's guidance, we can reflect His love in how we treat one another.

Blessings, Pastor Daniel Cho



Presbyterian Women at First Presbyterian Church, Mishawaka



Presbyterian Women Circles

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



Bake Sale —November 9th from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. We have a full slate of vendors plus our Bake Sale. At the Bake Sale, expect a delightful array of homemade goodies. Every purchase you make contributes to our programs—it's shopping with a heart!

There are plenty of opportunities. Let us know if you have a couple of hours to spare to help make this a successful event.

* **Tuesday, November 5th**
Cheeseball work night from 6-8 p.m.



* **All Donations due by Friday, November 8th by 5 p.m.**

Mark your calendar—**Advent Dinner** on December 8th following the service. At the Presbyterian Women's Gathering this summer, we heard from several inspiring speakers and want to share one of those speakers with you, Pastor Yung Me Morris, and her presentation on "*Did You Eat Yet?*"

Upper Room News

We held our last sale for 2024 on Saturday, October 19th. Our sales are currently \$3,488 for the year. Thank you to all who have donated, sorted, priced, worked, and shopped the sales during the year. There will be a work day in November to clean and close up the rooms until next year. **We will not be accepting donations until further notice.**



Work Day: **Wednesday, November 20th from 10-Noon (clean up/shut down)**

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

Presbyterian Women Vendor Fair & Bake Sale

Sat. November 9TH 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





Seasonal Crafters and Décor

Handcrafted Items for yourself & your home
Direct Sale Vendors

* Homespun Treasures * Fairy Gardens* Crafts in a
Flash* Handmade Wooden items* TopCoat Creations * Quilted &
Knitted items *Christmas and Winter décor * Collectables * T-
Shirts * Mary Kay * Norwex *
* Color Street Nails

Bake Sale is cash only. Some vendors MAY accept CC



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



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SENIOR MINISTRIES
POTTERY PAINTING
AT:
THE PIGEON & THE HEN POTTERY**

PARTICIPATING INDIVIDUALS WILL RECEIVE A \$40 GIFT CARD FOR
POTTERY PURCHASE FROM SMOCK
\$5-- RESERVE A SPOT BY NOVEMBER 24TH

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 4TH
2PM-4:30PM**

217 S. MICHIGAN ST. SOUTH BEND, IN 46601

Mission—Our Faith in Action

**MAC Mishawaka
Alliance of Care**



Any items not used in the Thanksgiving Baskets will be donated to the pantry.

Peace & Global Witness Offering—October 6th

Thanks to all who gave. We received \$530. The total of our kept portion of this offering and the Pentecost offering, going to *Cultivate Food Rescue* is \$358.10

Thanksgiving Baskets

We will be delivering 15 Thanksgiving Baskets to Battell families on November 17th. All donations, goods, and monetary will need to be received by November 10th. If you have monetary donations, please give those to Carole. You will find a list of the items below that are needed to fill the baskets. There will be a box in the CE Lobby. Please bring all basket items no later than November 10th. Thank you in advance for your generous donations.

Thanksgiving Basket Items

- 3 cans of green beans
- Fried onion rings
- Mushroom soup
- Cranberry sauce
- 2 bags or boxes of Turkey stuffing
- Can of sweet potatoes
- Large box of mashed potatoes
- Jar or can of Turkey gravy





*** 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 those impacted from Hurricane Helene.**

For the individuals and families who have lost family members, homes, and all they own. For the courage and protection for those working to rebuild; and for a generous response to their suffering. For all the first responders, groups and individuals helping; give them strength and bless their good work.

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: Patty Stanz, Kevin Finley, Erica, Ken, Jon, Garry, and Joseph.

*** Caregivers to family and friends. May they feel your love and sustaining power. Help us to be conscious of their feelings.**

We hold up the names of Andrea Finley, Jim Stanz, and Josh

*** 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, Janet Freeman, 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.**

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If you would like to add a prayer request to the pastoral prayer list, call: 574.259.7874.

If no one answers, please leave a message.

GREETERS NEEDED: Our hard working Deacon, Bill Bellairs, is in charge of Greeters for the East door on Sunday mornings. If you would like to be a greeter, please either see Bill or you can sign up on the Bulletin Board in the CE Lobby. You just need to be at your post by 9:45.

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: We need people to sign up for the Fellowship Hour after worship. It doesn't need to be fancy, store bought cookies are just fine. We supply the coffee and juice, you would just need to host.

HANGING OF THE GREENS: Please Mark your Calendars for the 24th of November after worship. The Deacons are in charge of THE HANGING OF THE GREENS in the sanctuary. It's a fun time decorating and takes around an hour. The more hands the merrier. Please consider helping.

DEACONS CHRISTMAS SHOPPING: We don't currently have a date for the shopping but please consider helping us shop at JC Penny either the first or second Sunday of December. Stay tuned for more info!

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**Pastor hours:** Tuesday—Thursday 9 to noon**Secretary hours:** Tuesday—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

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Church Officers and Committees**Session:**

Clerk of Session: Teresa Primmer

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Book Club: Judy Green**Newsletter:** Katie Robertson**Prayer Chain:** Lynett Heritz, Darlene

Seufert

PW: Moderators—Chris Wukovits and

Judy Green

Special Gifts: Lynett Heritz**TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE**

November... Mary Ann Dentino

December... Judy Green

Carole Polk

**Please Send information for
the December/January
Newsletter to Katie Robertson
by November 16th.
fpcmishawaka@gmail.com
Thank you!**

Book Club

Book Club: **November 17th** at 2:00 p.m. at Dyan's is *The Lost Apothecary* by Sarah Penner.

host, Dyan Phillips; **leader**, Dyan Phillips

Book Club: **December 15th** at 2:00 p.m. at Judy Green's is *The Holiday at Folly Beach* by June Woods.

host, Judy Green; **leader**, Darlene Seufert

Thanks, Judy Green

Worship & Music

Greetings from worship and music,

Siwon [see-one] **Kim**, a native of Seoul, South Korea, actively performs in concert venues in North America, Europe, and Asia.

After graduating from Seoul National University with a Bachelor of Music degree, she moved to the States, joined the Toradze Piano Studio at Indiana University South Bend, receiving an Artist Diploma and master of Music degree. Siwon earned her Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Piano Performance at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor under Professor Arthur Greene's guidance. Dr. Siwon serves at Bethel University in Indiana as their new adjunct piano faculty member (2024).

We are thrilled to have Dr. Siwon Kim with us and welcome her as our new Music Director!



Welcome!



Worship 10 am



Fellowship 11 am

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Communion Greeter.. Usher..Bill Bellairs Ethan DeMaegd W.L. Chuck Wukovits PW Meeting after worship * <i>Daylight Saving Time ends</i>	4	5 Bake Sale work night (Cheeseball making) from 6-8	6	7	8 Bake Sale set up starting at 8 a.m.	9 Bake sale 9-2
10 <i>Daylight Saving Time ends</i> Greeter.. Usher..Carole Polk Greg Phillips W.L. Dyan Phillips Deacons Meeting after worship * Deadline for Thanksgiving Food Donations	11 Veterans Day 	12	13	14	15 QoV 9-2	16 * Newsletter Deadline
17 Greeter.. Usher..Michael Green W.L. Alan Camren Book Club 2 p.m. at Dyan Phillips' * <i>Deliver Thanksgiving Baskets</i>	18 Elizabeth Circle at church 7 p.m. Hostess Janel Leader Carole	19	20 Upper Room work day from 10-noon to clean up/shut down	21 Ruth Circle at church 7 p.m. Hostess Teresa Leader Lynett	22	23
24 Greeter.. Usher..Greg Phillips W.L. Judy Sulak Hanging of Greens after worship	25	26	27	28 Happy Thanksgiving 	29	30