



First Presbyterian News

October 2024

401 Lincolnway East
Mishawaka, IN. 46544

Greetings everyone! I hope this message finds you well.

In early September, we took a trip to Washington to visit family and friends and we had a wonderful time. Gabie, especially, enjoyed spending time with her grandparents and playing with her cousin and kids her age from Jae's circle of friends. For me, it was a relaxing trip—catching up with people and sharing about our life in Indiana. However, the most meaningful conversations I had were about my ministry experiences here. I found myself talking at length with those who were curious about the work we were doing. It was interesting that people from my home church in Seattle were so eager to hear about my ministry, even though their church is four times the size of ours. They were genuinely curious about how I'm serving the community here in Indiana and how our church operates. It might sound surprising, but despite our church being smaller, there is so much to share. I found myself able to talk endlessly about the meaningful work we're doing, and it was a blessing to be able to reflect on all that has happened.

None of us are perfect—we all encounter difficulties, challenges, and struggles in various aspects of church life. I want to remind everyone that no church is without its imperfections and no church can meet every expectation. As your pastor, I understand that you may have questions or concerns about my leadership or the church itself, and that's completely natural. However, despite our weaknesses and flaws, God works through us to show His love to others.

It's important to remember that, even in our imperfections, we are instruments of God's grace. God often uses our shortcomings as opportunities to demonstrate His strength, reminding us that His love can shine through us in unexpected ways. It's easy to think that the size of a church affects the significance of what we share, but I want to remind our church that, as 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 tells us, this is not the case. Paul writes:

“My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.”

God's grace is always enough. What truly matters is how we allow Christ's power to be evident through our weaknesses and challenges. Paul also says:

“Whenever I am weak, then I am strong”



Paul shows us God's work and love can be powerfully revealed through us, regardless of our church's size. Whether we are facing challenges or celebrating successes, God's love and strength are always with us. I encourage each of you to embrace the ways in which God is working through our community, and to continue supporting one another with faith and compassion.

Thank you for being an important part of our church family and community. Let us continue to share the message of God's grace and love, trusting that His power is made perfect in our weakness. I look forward to seeing how God will use us for His purposes in the seasons ahead.

Blessings, Pastor Daniel

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.

Bake Sale is around the corner—November 9th from 9 a.m.—2 p.m. We have a full slate of vendors, some old favorites and some new faces. If you are on Facebook, make sure to click ***Going*** on the Event and share it to help with advertising. We'll also have flyers available soon. This is a highly attended community event and many hands are needed to make it a positive experience for our church. Please consider volunteering.

Saturday, October 26th
10:00 a.m.—done
Noodle work day



Tuesday, November 5th
6:00-8:00 p.m.
Cheeseball work night

Friday, November 8th
by 5:00 p.m.
Donations Due

Bible Study

The Presbyterians for Earth Care Group is hosting a virtual study of The Presbyterian Women's 2024 bible study on environmental justice—**Let Justice Roll Down**. Anyone can join the Zoom call—it will take place on the fourth Sunday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Study Leaders: Reverend M. Courtenay Wilcox and Reverend Lucy Youngblood

ZOOM link to join in for every session:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85644861027?pwd=7V605oRVW2rFkSTa6L1p1jrArs8LS6.1>

Meeting ID: 856 4486 1027

Passcode: 932940

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.

Upper Room is NOT accepting donations of clothing or shoes until further notice.

Work Days: **Saturday, October 5th from 10-Noon**

Sale Days: **Saturday, October 19th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** (It is the Last Sale of 2024, not including the Christmas table at the bake sale. There are still several workday between now and November when we shut down for a few months).

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



Mission—Our Faith in Action

**MAC Mishawaka
Alliance of Care**



We donated 32 lbs of food/toiletry items in September. In August, the pantry served 227 households (783 individuals).

Spotlight: Looking for a way to get rid of extra candy? Donate it to the food pantry. The pantry sends treat bags home for each child in the household—bags include granola bars, applesauce, and sweet treats.

Peace & Global Witness Offering—October 6th

25% of the offering stays in our community; 25 % goes to Mid-counsels to support peacemaking and 50% supports work for peace and reconciliation across the globe. For 2024, we will be combining our Pentecost funds and supporting *Cultivate Food Rescue*, a local food rescue and redistribution center—"no neighbor hungry, no food wasted".

Thanksgiving Baskets

Thinking ahead to November, we will be delivering Thanksgiving Baskets on November 17th, which means all donations, goods, and monetary will need to be received by November 10th. This will give us that week to get shopping done before the 17th. Watch your bulletin for more information.



Thanksgiving
Food Baskets



prayer
Requests 

* Prayers for Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, and all who are suffering through conflicts/war; for peace and bravery for the coming days, protection and comfort for all those impacted, and wisdom for all the world leaders making decisions.

* Prayers for the return of common sense, respect for each other and the ability to work through our differences in peace. Give us courage and kindness in order to be the peacemakers You designed us to be.

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

Prayers For:

* Amy (Katie Robertson's friend) and family – Her mother, Sharon Burch Smorin, passed away September 28th. – prayers for God's comfort, strength, and peace.

* Patty Stanz – she recently had surgery and is preparing for upcoming chemotherapy – for strength, comfort, healing, and guidance of the medical team through the process.

* Darlene Seufert and family. Her brother, Fred, passed away recently – prayers for God's comfort, strength, and peace.

* Those with heart health issues, including Kevin Finley - for successful treatment, comfort, and healing.

* Strength and patience for Kevin Finley's family, especially Andrea as she cares for Kevin and family.

* Strength for Josh (Victoria Green's boyfriend) as he deals with one grandfather doing well and one struggling.

* Those with cancer including: Jon (Greg Phillips' friend), Garry and Joseph (Josh's grandfathers) – for effective treatment, comfort, peace, and acceptance.

- Those who have entered Hospice Care – for trust in God's will, peace and comfort for all involved.

* Our homebound members – Kathy Bellairs, Jack Bruner, Janet Freeman, Pat Harker, Esther Morrison, and Sandra Hamman – who always appreciate cards or phone calls.

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

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.



THERE IS POWER IN
persistent prayer

 MICAH 7:7

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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

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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

Book Club



Book Club: **October 20th** at 2:00 p.m. at Lynett's is *The House in the Cerulean Sea* by TJ Klune.

host, Lynett Heritz; **leader,** Lynett Heritz

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

Thanks, Judy Green

Worship & Music

Greetings from worship and music,



Welcome!

We would like to wish a warm welcome to Dr. Siwon Kim as she recently began as our pianist/organist here at First Presbyterian Church. We look forward to her sharing her gift of music with our congregation.

Blessings, Worship and Music Committee

TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE

October... Lynett Heritz,

Teresa Primmer

November... Mary Ann Dentino

Please Send information for the November Newsletter to Katie Robertson by October 17th.

fpcmishawaka@gmail.com

Thank you!



Worship 10 am

October

Fellowship 11 am

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 National Smarties Day 	3	4	5 Upper Room workday from 10 a.m.-Noon
6 <i>Communion</i> Greeter.. Usher..Carole Polk, Greg Phillips W.L. Lynett Heritz PW Meeting after worship	7 National Chocolate Covered Pretzel Day 	8	9	10	11 QoV 9-2	12
13 Greeter.. Usher..Michael Green W.L. Judy Green Deacons Meeting after worship	14	15	16	17 *Newsletter Deadline 7:00 p.m.– Ruth Circle	18	19 Upper Room Sale from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Zoo Boo at Potawatomi Zoo from 2 p.m.-9 p.m. 
20 <i>Stewardship Sunday</i> Greeter.. Usher..Ryan Frey W.L. Mary Watt 2:00 p.m.—Book Club at Lynett's	21 Elizabeth Circle—7p.m.	22	23	24	25	26 Bake Sale workday from 10:00 a.m.-Noon
27 Greeter.. Usher..Bill Bellairs, Ethan DeMaegd W.L. Chris Wukovits Session Meeting after worship	28	29	30	31 Trick-or-Treat from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Happy Halloween! 		