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First Presbyterian News

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Pastor's Column...

October 5, we will be celebrating World Communion Day with four different breads to represent the many Christians from around the world who will be hosting communion on that day. We are connected with all Christians by our sacraments of baptism and communion. Come to the table to join our brothers and sisters as we remember our resurrected Lord.

Congregational Meeting. The session has called a congregational meeting following worship. We hope to elect the pastor nominating committee (PNC) and new ruling elders to replace those whose term ends in December. Plan to join us for this meeting.

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Peacemaking
Offering

October 5 (World Communion): *Peacemaking Offering.*

There are many factors in the world that divide us. They exist among the nations, in our communities, throughout congregations, in the midst of households across the globe and within ourselves. Through these dividers, we as God's children, become broken. Paul's letter to the Ephesians describes peace as a spiritual bonding agent, holding us together through the love of Christ. It restores our fractured pieces to a whole, creating a connection between us. Through this, we experience the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

The PEACEMAKING OFFERING funds the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, enabling us to bring in International Peacemakers, hold conferences, and advocate for active nonviolent solutions to conflict. This offering will be received on October 5. Twenty-five percent of the offering will be kept to be used in the community. The community organization receiving the 25 % is Broadway Christian Parish. The congregation will hear more about the mission of this church during minutes for mission.

Please participate in this offering and help make the Season of Peace a time to renew your commitment and reaffirm your calling to peacemaking. Together, we can transform cultures of violence into communities of peace.

Cisterns for Xpujil

First Presbyterian Church of Mishawaka has been a partner with Todd Luke in Xpujil, Mexico since 2002 when a team of five, Pastor Ron Miller, Anna Bowers, Katie Rice, Jennifer Dentino and Mary Ann Dentino ventured on a mission trip to Xpujil. Todd was the grandson of long time members of this church, Ruth and Joe Starke. Ruth filled us in on Todd's mission in Xpujil which caught our attention. We left on our adventure on spring break. While there, the ladies of the area were taught how to sew using patterns and electric sewing machines. Painting and pouring of cement was also done. We traveled to Castilla Brito where a Bible School was conducted for about 60 youngsters. What a joy this was to see all of the beautiful faces of these children. Katie Rice put a major effort into this part of the trip as a thirteen year old.

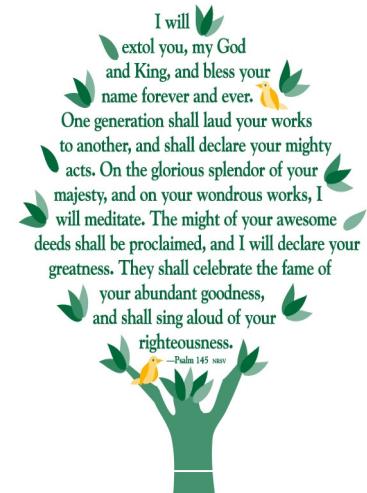
The next year, 2003, a little different group ventured to Xpujil. It consisted of Pastor Ron Miller, Dave Sulak, Chris Sulak, Jeff Mix, Betty Conner and Mary Ann Dentino. The women still did the sewing but the men took off to Castilla Brito to help build Cisterns. This was a very labor intensive job but very beneficial for these people. The cisterns are used to catch the rain water during the rainy season for use during the dry season. Before the cisterns, the local people traveled to a local water hole, which looked like a mud hole to us, for their water.

Each year since 2003, we have been sending money to help support this worthwhile project in Xpujil. This is what part of the Mission Tea fundraiser money will support. Please come and help provide clean water for these folks in Mexico.

Fall Stewardship Campaign:

*I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless Your name for ever and ever.
One generation shall laud Your works to another,
and shall declare Your mighty acts.*

Psalm 145



The Stewardship Committee, chaired by Stan May, will focus on “Generations of Generosity” in our fall stewardship campaign. The campaign will kick-off on Sunday, October 19, and culminate on Consecration Sunday, November 9. Watch for further details.

Treasurer's notes:

Although we've seen our pledge expectations shrink by 40% over the last decade, not all of the church finance news is bad. The session made some difficult decisions about the budget for 2014, and the cuts brought about a much smaller payroll. Those changes took full effect at the end of February, and in the six months since, four have been “in the black.” The net over those six months is about \$1,300 on the positive side. By comparison, January 2014 was a net loss of over \$11,000 using the previous payroll budget.

Largely because of that January net loss, our current assets (the checking and savings accounts, essentially) have decreased by about \$16,500 since the beginning of the year. However, because our investments have performed well, our total assets (including reserve funds held long term) are actually up by about \$7000 over the same period.

Now working nearly in a balanced-budget situation, FPC has very close to a half-million dollars in total financial assets. God has provided for us in 2014 through the contributions of stewards from many generations, but recently the current generation is managing the bills. Growth in membership and pledging would certainly help!

Over these next few weeks, we'll make difficult decisions about our future. Options vary between these oversimplified extremes; maintaining a balanced or near-balanced but narrow budget, or going back into a deficit mode with a larger staff and larger program. This decision won't be made by financial wizards, but by all who have a stake in our future. Please be prayerful about our future and your role!

Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School

October is a fun month. We travel a few times, visiting a fire station and learning to stop, drop, cover your face, and roll. Later in the month is a trip to Matthys Farm for apples, pumpkins, hay rides and other outdoor fun. We will discuss all month the many changes happening and finish the month with a Halloween party.

Jayne Wurz

A big welcome to Mary Watt! She is a Mishawaka native, graduating from MHS and IU Bloomington School of Music. Prior to retiring, Mary had 2 careers - serving as a loan officer at some local banks and playing violin with the South Bend Symphony, Pops, and Chamber Orchestra.

Mary is married to William Strieder and is blessed with 4 stepchildren and 1 grandson. She is delighted to be back "home" at FPC!



Mission Tea Fundraiser

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WHO: Anyone that enjoys good fellowship, a good cup of tea and some yummy goodies. Invite your friends and neighbors.

WHEN: October 12, Sunday at 2:00 pm

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

WHY: To help fund the Cistern Project in Xpujil, Mexico by the Mission Committee

To help support Mylene, PW's granddaughter from the Philippines and Baby Bundles that are taken to St. Joseph Hospital and given to mothers in need of clothing for their babies.

OPPORTUNITY: To purchase delightful tea for yourself or for gift giving for the holidays.

GIVEN BY: Presbyterian Women and The Mission Committee

RSVP: Mary Ann Dentino at 574-287-8573 or dentinosb@aol.com

Fall Adult Education...

Midweek Class on *Ending Well*:

It's not too late to attend some of the classes on topics relating to the end of life. The classes are held Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. in the Meeting Room. Upcoming classes are:

October 2: Hospice (meet at new Hospice office across the river from the church)

October 9: Options for burial and cremation (speaker from Hahn Funeral Home)

October 16: Important conversations with family; wishes for funeral or memorial service

Sunday Morning Class – *Embracing an Adult Faith*:

On Sunday, **October 19**, we will start an after-worship class using Marcus Borg's DVD *Embracing an Adult Faith*. Topics will include Dr. Borg's often-provocative perspectives on God, Jesus, Salvation, Community, and Practice. Join Pastor Steve in the Meeting Room for a lively discussion of the very heart of our faith.

Calling all Crafters!

FPC is having a Bazaar on **October 18, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** For those who would like to have a booth, tables are \$30 each. Contact Debra, church secretary for all inquiries.

Presbyterian Women will have kitchen goodies and a sales spot, if you have some interesting items to donate, please bring in by the 17th so they can be tagged for sale.

SCRAPBOOKING CLUB

Join us for some fellowship and fun at our Scrapbooking/Crafting Group! We meet in the Fellowship Hall from 6 pm to 11 pm. Provided is the set-up, clean-up, drinks, and tableware. The cost is \$5. If able, please bring a snack to share. Feel free to bring any type of project that you have to work on...remember Christmas is only 16 weeks away. The list of dates for 2014 are below, mark your calendars and join us for the next few. Looking forward to seeing you there, Brittany Rice scrap.brittany@comcast.net

Oct. 24th Nov. 21st no Dec.

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✓ **Trunk or Treat - Sunday Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 4:00 pm** in the east parking lot. Deacons will provide snacks and drinks and games. Looking for a few people to help with games and many more to hand out treats. We have averaged over 50 children at this event every year. You don't need to dress-up or decorate your car, but it is appreciated. Don't have a trunk? Bring a chair! We'll post a sign-up sheet on the Clip Board and hope you can join us for this fun, safe event we host for our children as well as the and the surrounding neighborhood children.

NOTE the new day and time!

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News from Presbyterian Woman



October will be a busy month with several activities being planned.

Bible Study: The Bible Study Reconciling Paul, A Contemporary Study of 2 Corinthians started in September. The author, Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty, asks us to look at the issues the Christians were facing in Corinth and see the similarity to issues we are facing today. This months lesson is "Paul in the Context of Ancient Corinth". Lesson two presents a basic outline of 2 Corinthians and provides historical background to assist in our understanding of Paul's preaching. Study books are located on the CE desk and the cost is \$8.00. Circles meet the third week and all women are considered PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN and invited to attend a Circle meeting. PW Circles meet every third week of the month, locations will vary, and we have three circles to choose from.

Elizabeth meets on Monday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m. see Mary Ann for more information

Esther meets on Friday, October 17 at 1:30 p.m. see Ida for more information

Ruth meets on Thursday, October 23 at 7:00 p.m. See Teresa for more information

Or check board at top of stairs for more information.

October 1st: Mylene, the child PW has sponsored for several years will celebrate her birthday. Please check the bulletin board on the first landing to read recent letters and see a photo of Mylene Caca. She is from Balugo Philippines and will turn 16 on October 27th.

October 5th: Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team meeting, noon

October 8th and 9th: Bake Sale work nights, 6 to 8 p.m. many hands make swift work

October 12th: PW & Mission Committee Tea Party, 2 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

October 18th: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bazaar, bake sale, lunch by women of church and the "Curio Cabinet" a spot of unique items from church members, this a new event for us. Any one wishing to help contact Judy Green. Remember to stop by to look at the many items for sale by the other vendors. *see flyer on last page that may be used to promote sale. Thank you.*

October 19th: During worship we will dedicate our mission sewing and baby bundles. That is the Sunday we also collect our Thank Offering. This years theme is "*Let us consider how to provoke one another to Love and Good Deeds*", Hebrews 10:24. Money from the Thank Offering was used to start the Ligonier Presbyterian Church's Lighthouse Ministries Day Care and recently Malawi Matters received the Thank Offering grant to conduct its "Addressing Cultural Practices" program in 3 Presbyteries in Malawi. Envelopes will be available during Fellowship.

November 2nd: Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team meeting, noon

December no Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team meeting

December 6th: Breakfast with Santa

The work of Presbyterian Women continues to serve the world and local needs.

Whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord. Colossians 3:23 Darlene Seufert, Co Moderator

A NEW TIME & A NEW LOOK for PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BAKE SALE

Everyone has read that we (the church) are hosting a CRAFT FAIR on Saturday, October 18!

Presbyterian Women will be holding our revised BAKE SALE during this time (please note this is earlier than our December sale...so if you are looking for your favorites this is the TIME!)

Not only will there be a Craft Fair, but PW will be offering LUNCH, BAKED GOODS for the Holidays and the CURIO CABINET will have gently used items to treasure or re-imagine in your home! So please come out on October 18 from 9-4 and visit us. CALLING ALL WILLING HANDS

TO HELP! Do you feel more comfortable in the Kitchen, we have the spot! Would you rather work at the *Bake Sale table*...let's get you signed up! Is *shopping at the Antique shops* your passion? We have the place for you helping with the *Curio Cabinet*! IF INTERESTED IN

JOINING IN ON THE FUN (yes it's work but always fun to spend time with your Sisters in Christ helping Support our Mission Work), please see either Carole Polk, Judy Green or Lynett Heritz.

NEWS FROM THE MAC**MAC Mishawaka Alliance of Care**

Is there a secret in our community or just a lack of communication among us?

The fact is there ARE homeless folks in Mishawaka. The social agencies who deal with people in need oftentimes become aware of their situation when they come to the Pantry for food. Volunteers are able, sometimes, to direct these folks to a place where they can stay, at least temporarily.

An overture to deal with the homeless issue is now being studied; the first item, finding a suitable, safe location and a director versed in the skills required. Round-the-clock volunteers will be needed to assist in operating the shelter. Sound like a daunting task? Of course it is and that is why it will take time for due diligence prior to making any decision to proceed. MAC churches need to be aware and in prayer about what is involved.

During the meeting of the Mishawaka Alliance of Care, the conversation turned to the manner in which the Food Pantry, housed at the Albright Methodist Church, works with clients. In order to qualify for government commodities, certain rules must be followed. Names and ages of clients are not required, only the number of people living in the household. This is sometimes misleading in keeping records since the make-up of a family can mean a difference in the kinds and quantities of available food for distribution.

Report from Carol Minix, Food Pantry Director:

*August figures, 342 families (1168 individuals), 394 children; 124 over 60 (number increasing)
clients: 54 new families*

New freezer delivered and working (thanks to those who helped with cost); Martin's Supermarket, supporter of Pantry charging \$20 per case for some items; Purple Porch a new sponsor, donating fresh produce; Some new volunteers working. Seeking someone to come in between pantry days to assist in cleanup, ie. wash down the grocery carts and some shelves. Carol is looking for a "back-up" who would be able to attend meetings with People Gotta Eat & United Way in her absence.

NEW VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED ANY TIME

Report from Warren Kirkwood on the pack-a-backpack event. School supplies were distributed to several elementary schools. First Presbyterian partners with Battell School in this project. THANKS TO ALL WHO DONATED BACK-PACKS AND SUPPLIES. Plans for 2015 are already being discussed, working with the school social workers prior to the event. There were 40 volunteers from MAC churches; therefore, 580 pounds of school supplies were distributed throughout the Mishawaka schools.

The school social workers were given clothing vouchers provided by Christ Child Society to help clothe children prior to the beginning of the school year

Marilyn Waumans spoke of the Mutual Bank program, Better Life Winners. Marilyn has been nominated for this honor. The winner will be able to choose where the funds can be directed to the non-profit of their choice. Fuel certificates and 34 Transpo bus passes were given out, due to the contributions received for this project.

Sandy Pontius, from SJRMC, spoke to the recent decision by the CVS pharmacy to remove all tobacco related products from the shelves. The high schools and middle schools in the area will be asked to survey their students (a blind survey) regarding the use of tobacco in their lives.

The hospital will be offering a program "1800, Quit now".

Prayer Group

We meet to unite in prayer, our meetings vary in locations and last approximately one hour. Requests for prayers can be made to Janet Freeman or Betty Favorite.

{prayer: answers to, daily, for growth and change, for our enemies, power of...Prayer}

Please contact Janet for details. jfree930@aol.com

Buy Stamps!

We still have US Postage stamps available for purchase. Each purchase adds to the Deacons Christmas Shopping bank account. Contact Carole or the office with inquiries. Thank You.

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Custodian Ken Vargo*just give a shout!***Church Officers and Committees**

The Session: Pam Camren,
Mary Ann Dentino, John Martz,
Stan May, Bruce McClure,
Darlene Seufert

Board of Deacons: Bill Bellairs,
Tom Camren, Lynett Heritz, Carole
Polk, Bill Walter, Chris Wukovits

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John Martz, chair (elder)
Ethan DeMaegd, Dick Dentino,
Chuck Wukovits

Christian Education: Darlene Seufert

Finance: Stan May, Chair

Mission and Evangelism:

Mary Ann Dentino, Chair
Nominating: Dave Sulak, Chair
(Elder)

Personnel: Bruce McClure, Chair

Presbyterian Women: Darlene
Seufert and Teresa Primmer

PWNS Board: John Rice, Chair

Special Gifts: Sue Rice, acting chair

Stewardship: Ron May, Chair

Worship and Music: Pam Camren, Chair

Book Club: Judy Green

Prayer Chain: Lynett Heritz

Scrap Booking: Brittany Rice

Pastor hours: varied, please check Sunday Bulletin,
or call for appointment

Secretary hours: 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday

Financial Secretary hours: Monday & Thursday 8 —11:30 a.m.

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Newsletter deadline is October 17 at noon. Please send information for November or any future newsletter to Sue Rice at suce@aol.com or you can mail information to Debra, the church secretary.

Sympathy is extended to Jayne Wurz, preschool director, in the death of her mother, Suzanne VanDeSompele, who passed away August 30.

Thanks for all the thoughts, prayers and cards during Dave's recent surgery and recovery. The recovery still ongoing but slowly we are getting there. Dave & Teresa Primmer

Help Celebrate the Duryea's Marriage!

Worship and Music and Chancel Choir will be hosting a "Wedding Gift Card" shower for Michael and Shaina on Oct. 12 during Fellowship Time. They were married in Kansas on August 9th and we want to recognize their marriage by encouraging members to give gift cards from various venues so that they may complete their "setting up housekeeping" needs. Any gift card, any amount with best wishes will be great. Plan to attend, offer your best wishes, enjoy a piece of cake and a cup of punch.

Photo Directory

Is now ready to pick up at the church.

One to each family. Thank you.

Pam Camren

Book Club is starting a whole new year of reading fun and there is always room for more. *The Pilot's Wife* by Anita Shreve is our October book. We will be meeting on the **19th, 2 p.m. at Rose Marie Reif's home**. Contact me or check out the information board in the foyer. Thank you, Judy Green.





Fall Tai Chi Classes: Beginning in October, Tai Chi Classes will be held on Saturday mornings from 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (depending on interest and attendance). The classes being offered are as follows: 24 Yang Form- 9:30-10:30 (15 minute break), Sun 73- 10:45-11:45 (15 minute break) Tai Chi for Arthritis-Noon to 1:00, You can come for one class, take two or all three. Cost is \$10.00 a class. If participants are not consistent in attendance, we will go back to \$45.00 for a six week session.

There will be some weekends we do not meet and these will rotate due to my own training sessions once a month or events in the church. The dates for classes that we know for now are: Oct 4, 11, 25. One of these will drop off for my training and I will advise participants when that date is known.

If planning on taking more than one class, bring a snack, and (always) a bottle of water. Wear loose comfortable clothing and flat (non-marking) soled shoes. We will practice in Westminster Hall downstairs, so please come on time. (We may not be able to hear you.) You may have to call me on the cell if class starts without you.

Tai Chi is like an onion, it has many layers. It helps your health in many ways, reduces stress and gains flexibility. Tai Chi is a lifetime pursuit, once learned, it always teaches you something new every day. Start your journey this fall and join us!



Contact Debra Leonard at AlwaysMovingTaiChi@gmail.com or 574-850-2022 to register.

*Come to Geneva Center for our
Expressions In Glass Workshop October 6-9, 2014
Explore the Nearly Lost Art of Stained Glass Making*

Sign Up Today!



Come join the fun and create new friendships!

*For a brochure go to:
www.genevacenter.org*

or

*Call 574-223-6915
for more information*



October 2014

**Please remember when the preschool is in session
to not park in east parking lot. Thank You.**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 <i>Ending Well</i>	3	4 <i>Tai Chi</i> 9:30 to 1 Westmin. Hall
5 Ushers: Juday Sulak & Ethan DeMaegd Worship Leader: Stan May Peace Offering	6	7	8 <i>pw work evening</i>	9 <i>Ending Well pw work evening</i>	10	11 <i>Tai Chi</i> 9:30 to 1 Westmin. Hall
12 *Duryea's shower* Ushers: Carole Polk & Gordon Reif Worship Leader: Lynett Heritz Mission Tea 2 pm	13	14	15	16 <i>Ending Well</i>	17 <i>Newsletter Deadline Esther Circle 1:30 pm</i>	18 <i>Bazaar 9am-4pm SWEETEST DAY</i>
19 *Adult Sunday School Ushers: Dan Bruner & Dick Dentino Worship Leader: Judy Green PW Dedication Sunday Book Club 2 pm	20 <i>Elizabeth Circle 7 pm</i>	21	22	23 <i>Ruth Circle 7 pm</i>	24 <i>Scrapbook Club 6-11pm fellowship PHM off</i>	25 <i>Tai Chi 9:30 to 1 Westmin. Hall</i>
26 Ushers: John Heritz & Judy Sulak Worship Leader: John Rice Trunk or Treat 3 pm	27 <i>PHM Off</i>	28	29	30	31 <i>Halloween</i>	November 2nd <i>All Saints Day</i>

Worship 10:00 Fellowship 11:00 Adult Church School starting 10/19

Little church mice
were busy and we
thank you. What a nice
welcome to fall.
**Autumn, is a second
spring when every leaf
is a flower.**
E. Hemmingway





Presbyterian Women's Bake Sale

Saturday October 18, 2014 9:00-4:00

*Participating in the Church Craft Bazaar

Bake Sale goodies include Cheese Balls,
Homemade Noodles, Quick Breads, Soup Mixes
Seasonal Chex Mix, Cookies, Brownies and Fudge

*Be sure to stop by the "Curio Cabinet Treasures"
PW will be selling lunch from 11-2 in Small Dining Room.

**The Church Craft Bazaar will feature various craft vendors
and some direct selling vendors.

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*Enter from the East parking lot, go to Fellowship Hall

**All proceeds from the PW Bake Sale, Curio Cabinet
Treasures and Lunch will support PW mission projects.