

First Presbyterian News

August 2022

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Although Indiana's summer lasts close to the end of September, I started to feel the temperature difference in mid-August. This means that the long, hot Summer has passed and the cool Autumn has arrived. Yes, we are moving into a new season.

Like the changes of the seasons, life is all about change. Change can come into our lives in many different and unexpected ways. It can come into our lives as a result of a crisis, choice or opportunity. It can be pleasant and exciting as well as painful and boring. In any circumstance, change is an inevitable part of our lives. We must accept and adapt to change in our life whether we like it or not. Change can be painful to deal with, but it can be a great opportunity to take advantage of. What matters most, regarding change, is our perspective.

Have you heard the story of two shoe salesmen in Africa?

Once upon a time, a shoe company sent two salesmen to Africa to determine the market potential for their products. One salesman was sent to the east coast of Africa, while the other salesman was sent to the west coast of Africa. Both salesmen completed a basic survey of the target market and called back to the office. The salesman sent to the east coast of Africa reported: "No one here wears any shoes, there is no market for us here!". The other salesman sent a message, "No one here wears any shoes, there is a huge market for us, send inventory fast!"

How you view, think, and respond to change will have a significant impact on your outcome. When you go through a major change in your life, how do you usually respond?

In the book of Ecclesiastes 3:1, the Teacher (*Qo-he-leth* in Hebrew) writes, **"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."** (KJV)

Whatever happens or is happening in your life, there are no coincidences, but purposes in God. All our times are in God's hands. Matthew Henry, a nonconformist minister and commentator in the early 18th century, writes: **"That every change concerning us, with the time and season of it, is unalterably fixed and determined by a supreme power; and we must take things as they come, for it is not in our power to change what is appointed for us."**

So when you are dealing with a major change in your life, why not embrace it, adjust to it, and be at your best instead of wasting your time and energy complaining about things you cannot change or control? All the ups and downs of life happen according to God's appointed times. What God has decided will stand firm and we can never change it. Do not try to resist change, but let us be wise enough to recognize, embrace it, and make the most of everything that comes our way. Because God remains the same and faithful, we can rely on him through the changing seasons of life. Whatever our circumstances are today, we can be thankful for God being with us always!

Blessings, Pastor Daniel

Presbyterian Women



At this time, the UPPER ROOM is NOT accepting donations. We appreciate all your generous donations—there have been some beautiful treasures that have come our way, but we are at our max at this point. Until we sell or donate items, we can't take anymore until further notice.

Please mark your calendars for our next sale:



Saturday, September 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Hope to see you then! Come check out the many treasures. Lynett

The Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team will be meeting on the 11th of September after church. The board members are Chris Wukovits and Judy Green, co-chairs; Carole Polk, secretary; Lynett Heritz, treasurer.

Presbyterian Women's circle meetings will start with a kick-off dinner on Wednesday, September 14th at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall (this is a carry in meal). Please join us as we start a new study, *Celebrating Sabbath, Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight*, by Carol M. Bechtel, a Professor of Old Testament in Holland, Michigan.

"Sabbath reminds us to honor God who honors us by giving us a day each week to reset our pace, our priorities, and our lives.

There are 2 circles, Elizabeth and Ruth. Elizabeth Circle meets the 3rd Monday of each month and Ruth Circle meets the 3rd Thursday of each month. You can get in touch with Mary Ann for Elizabeth or Teresa for Ruth if you would like to join/get more information. Joining a circle does not mean you have to attend every meeting, we would love to have you join us at anytime. More information will be posted on lobby bulletin board. Thanks, Chris



MAC Mishawaka Alliance of Care

In July, we served 189 households consisting of 619 individuals and 50 new families. As you can see, this is a significant increase over the past 2 months. In May, we served 146 households consisting of 517 individuals and 26 new families and in June, we served 142 households consisting of 499 individuals and 28 new families. We almost doubled our new families this month! Please share with your church congregation how much we appreciate their continued support!

Special thanks to our congregation for your generosity. A collection of \$630 was received for the Pentecost Offering. Forty percent (\$252) will stay in our community to be used for at risk children and youth.

Peacemaking Offering

On World Communion Sunday, we celebrate that Christ's peace extends throughout all creation. Whenever the church gathers for worship, we are loved and we are not alone. We worship together and are fed from Scripture and at Christ's table of peace. Extending the peace of Christ is part of an active, engaged faith— a witness to what it means for us to be the Church, together. Through participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering, received on October 2, our church is extending Christ's peace throughout our community and throughout the world. We begin at the communion table, with our siblings in every time and place, and we celebrate the peace we find there and commit to building a more just and peaceful world. God's peace, empowered by God's joy, reminds us that we are connected to each other. We are not alone. PEACE begins with each of us. Twenty-five percent of this offering will remain in our congregation to be used in our community for peacemaking.

Mission Committee

Thank you for all the prayers, delicious meals, cards, and calls. Your love and prayers certainly sped my recovery.

Darlene



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Pastor hours: Tuesday thru Thursday 9 to noon

Secretary hours: Tuesday thru Friday 9 to noon

Financial Secretary hours: Monday & Thursday 9 to noon; summer hours (June 16th-September 16th) Monday 9 to noon

Custodian hours: Monday thru Friday 7 to noon

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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 Stanz**Facilities/Operations:** John Martz**Chair Book Club:** Judy Green**Clerk of Session:** Teresa Primmer**Chair Christian Education:** Chris Wukovits**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**Book Club**Book club for September is on the 18th at 3:00 p.m. is *Diamond Eye* by Kate Quinn hosted by Judy Green.

* Book club meets the 3rd Sunday of the month at 3:00. We read a variety of genres and try to choose books a month in advance. Judy Green

**Worship & Music****Worship Leaders**

9/4 Chris Wukovits

9/11 Chuck Wukovits *Communion Sunday* Carole Polk

9/18 Dyan Phillips

9/25 Darlene Seufert

* There will be an Usher and Worship Leader meeting in September. Please watch/check bulletin for date and time.

Do you have a loved one you would like to have remembered on All Saint's Day? Please get name and date of passing to me by October 15th. *Thank you.* Blessings, Judy Sulak**Ushers**

Ethan DeMaegd

Greg Phillips

Michael Green

Neil Seufert

**Grounds & Cleaning**

As you may have noticed, landscaping has been done on the north, east, and west sides of the church. Due to not enough manpower and summer heat wave, there has been a hold on this. Look for more changes – hopefully soon!

TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE 2022**September...Brittany****October...Teresa/Lynett****November...Mary Ann****December...Judy G./Carole**

In September, Jae Cho will be joining our church. Anyone who would be interested in joining at this time, please speak to Daniel.

Teresa Primmer




Worship 10 am



September

Fellowship 11 am

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Rev. Walter Davis is filling the pulpit for Pastor Cho today.	29	30	31	1	2	3
4 Greeter.. Bill Bellairs Usher.. Ethan DeMaegd W.L. Chris Wukovits PW purse handout	5 Labor Day Office Closed!	6	7	8	9	10 Upper Room Sale from 9 a.m. till 1 p.m. SALE
11 <i>Communion</i> Greeter.. Bill Bellairs Usher.. Carole Polk/ Greg Phillips W.L. Chuck Wukovits PW purse handout	12 Wedding Ministry team 1 p.m.	13	14 PW Circle kick off light supper at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall	15	16	17
18 Greeter.. Bill Bellairs Usher.. Michael Green W.L. Dyan Phillips Worship & Music meeting after worship PW Purse collection	19	20	21 Upper Room workday from 2 p.m. till 4 p.m.	22 First Day of Autumn 	23	24
25 Greeter.. Bill Bellairs Usher.. Neil Seufert W.L. Darlene Seufert Session meeting after worship	26	27	28	29	30	

Please send information for the October Newsletter to Katie Robertson by September 17th.
fpcmishawaka@gmail.com. Thank you.