

First Presbyterian News

September 2024

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A few years ago, Sue Rice gave books to our church staff, and I picked one: *Porch Talk* by Phillip Gulley. *Porch Talk* is a collection of essays where Gulley shares his insightful and often humorous thoughts on everyday life. His stories are warm and full of wisdom, offering a fresh perspective on the little things that make life special. In *Porch Talk*, Phillip Gulley tells a story about his mother-in-law, Ruby Apple. Despite a tough life, Ruby is always happy and content. She values contentment more than good health or a happy marriage. Ruby grew up poor, left home young, and has lived in the same small house for years. She finds joy in simple things, like a chicken sandwich during their monthly lunches together. Gulley notices that while he's always chasing happiness, Ruby is already content. He learns, from her, that true contentment comes from appreciating what you have and finding joy in everyday life.

How do you define contentment in your own life? Have you ever experienced a time when you were truly content despite challenging circumstances?

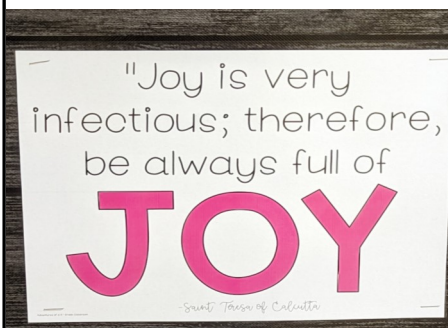
The Epistle to the Philippians is a letter written by the Apostle Paul to the Christian community in Philippi around 61 CE, while he was imprisoned in Rome. Despite his challenging circumstances, Paul's letter is filled with joy and encouragement. Paul had established the church in Philippi during his second missionary journey, and he maintained a close relationship with the Philippian believers. In this letter, he expresses gratitude for their support and contributions to his ministry. One notable passage from the letter is Philippians 4:11-13 (NRSV), where Paul writes:

Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

In these verses, Paul reflects on finding contentment in all circumstances through his relationship with Christ. He encourages the Philippians to focus on the strength and peace that comes from their faith, demonstrating his resilience and joy, even while imprisoned.

When life gets hard and our expectations aren't met, it's easy to feel discontent. However, how can we find strength and contentment in every situation like Paul talks about? How does relying on Christ for strength affect the way you handle personal challenges and setbacks? How can we stay content with what we do, no matter the situation? As we go through life, let's try to find joy in the little things and stay content no matter what happens. May we all learn to appreciate what we have and stay strong through any challenges we face.

Blessings, Pastor Daniel

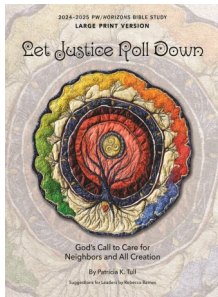


Presbyterian Women at First Presbyterian Church, Mishawaka



*If you have not received your Annual Letter and 2024 Calendar, make sure to check your box or contact Carole Polk.

Kick-Off Meeting will be September 11th at 6:30 p.m. We will have a light dinner, a short meeting, and then introduction and 1st lesson to the study. Information on the upcoming Bible study is below. Cost of books is \$12.00. If you have not attended a study and are interested, this is a great opportunity to check it out.



Patricia K. Tull, author of the 2024—2025 PW/Horizons Bible study *Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation*, describes her call for creation justice in this way: “When I first learned of the climate crisis, I wondered how a biblical scholar with few practical skills could help and found my purpose in learning about ecology and teaching people of faith what I could. Such is not everyone’s skillset or desire, but each of us has something to do with all our hearts.”

We invite you to join Presbyterian Women as we explore, with all our hearts, God’s call to care for our neighbors and for creation. Readers will learn about ecological systems, the challenges we face in this time of accelerated climate change, and the possibilities available to address or counter the impact of human-made stress on our environment. Further, readers will explore theological questions that point us to act and engage, in small and large ways.

Little Children of the Philippines Presentation will be September 24th at 6:00 p.m. Two representatives — Carmenia Benosa and Brittany Foster are traveling in the Midwest and will be stopping by on the evening of September 24th to provide an update on what is happening in the Philippines. They will also report on the Presbyterian Women’s Thank Offering grant and how it has been used. More on this to come, watch the bulletin for more details. They will require some hospitality from us, so if someone has an extra room or two, please contact Mary Ann Dentino.



The **Bake Sale** is just around the corner! The committee is currently accepting applications for crafting vendors. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Lynett, Judy G, or Carole for details.

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: *Wednesday, September 18th from 10 a.m. to Noon* and *Saturday, October 5th from 10 a.m. to Noon*
 Sale Days: *Saturday, September 7th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.* and *Saturday, October 19th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.*

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 27.5 lbs of food/toiletry items in August. In July, the pantry served 228 households—768 individuals.

Spotlight: Cereal/Oatmeal—Each cart provides one or the other. Cereal is an ideal donation because it’s non-perishable, can provide whole grains, and essential vitamins and minerals lacking in many at-risk households. Oats are high in vitamins and minerals, such as vitamin B1, thiamin, and manganese. It’s also abundant in Beta-glucan, a soluble fiber.

**THANK
YOU**

Thank you to all who donated leggings, sweatpants, and underwear for the children at Battell School.

Upcoming Offering—Peace and Global Witness

The Peace and Global Witness Offering will be October 6th.

The Peace and Global Witness Offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety, fear, discord, and division so we can embrace God’s mission of reconciliation to those around us and around the world.

September 8 - October 6, 2024
**Peace & Global
Witness**

Smock Senior Ministries Event

The Smock Senior Ministries event will be at the Round Barn Theatre at The Barns at Nappanee located at:

1600 W. Market St.
Nappanee, IN. 46550

The date of the event is Thursday, October 31st. We will arrive by noon for lunch and the performance will begin at 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$20 to reserve a slot and space is limited, so we are opening this up to the first 100 to sign up. You can come to or call the office with a contact name and email. The deadline to reserve a slot is October 1st.

We hope to see many of you there!

Darlene



-John Rice

The following letter arrived recently at FPC regarding our phone service.



Hello,

We're reaching out to let you know that some of your business' data was accessed without authorization. Although we have no current indication of any public release or illegal use of your business' data, we respect the privacy of your information and want to provide you with details about the event.

The number(s) included in the data attached to your account(s) at the time ended in: 7875, 7874, 1948.

What happened?

We found out AT&T call and text records were accessed by cyber-criminals who have claimed responsibility for unlawful access to other companies in the past. At least one individual has since been arrested.

What information was involved?

The investigation indicates the data included the phone numbers of some of your call interactions with wireless phone numbers from May 1, 2022 to October 31, 2022. It also included counts of those calls and total call durations for specific days or months.

The compromised data does not include the content of calls or text messages nor personal information, such as AT&T customer name, business name, Social Security numbers, birth dates, or financial information. It also does not include some typical information you see in your usage details, such as the time stamp of calls or texts.

What is AT&T doing?

Protecting customer data is a top priority. We have confirmed the affected system has been secured. We invest in our network's security using a broad array of resources including people, capital, and innovative technology advancements. We are constantly evaluating and enhancing our security protections to address the evolving cybersecurity threat landscape.

What can you do?

It is always advisable to be careful when taking calls from numbers that you do not recognize and stay alert to any fraud or theft attempts.

For more information and details about the information that was accessed, go to att.com/dataincident.

For additional tips on privacy and data protection, go to about.att.com/pages/cyberaware.

We apologize for any inconvenience and remain committed to protecting the information in our care.

prayer Requests

- * Prayers for Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, and all who are suffering through conflicts/war; for peace & bravery for the coming days, protection & 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:

- * Those with heart health issues, including Kevin Finley - for successful treatment, comfort, & 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), and Sharon Burch Smorin (mother of Katie Robertson's friend) – for effective treatment, comfort, peace, & acceptance.
- * Those who have entered Hospice Care including: Sharon Burch Smorin (mother of Katie Robertson's friend) – for trust in God's will, peace & comfort for all involved.
- * Our homebound members including Kathy Bellairs, Jack Bruner, Janet Freeman, Pat Harker, and 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.

A heartfelt thank you to the congregation for remembering our family with your prayers and cards with the passing of our mother/grandmother. She enjoyed coming to worship with us when she was visiting. What she loved most was visiting when PW held their Upper Room sale. She was one of their best customers.

A special thank you to everyone for your prayers and inquiries about my sisters and brother-in-law during the past five months as they each went through life threatening health issues. We definitely feel that there was power in prayer. Here is an update on each of their progress: Carol, my middle sister, is home and adjusting to moving by wheelchair. She will be fit in the next few weeks for her prosthetic leg. Jack, my brother-in-law, came home August 9th, after being in the hospital and rehab since April. He came home in their new lift van. Lori, my youngest sister, is gaining strength in her hands and legs each day. She is also able to drive her car again after suffering her stroke.

Our family thanks God each day for the progress they each have made.

Angela and Giavonna Bellinger, Mary Ann Dentino

*heartfelt
thanks!*

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June-September: Tuesday 9-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: Ron May

Book Club

Book Club: **September 15th** at 2:00 p.m. at Darlene's
Share what you have read over the summer and selections for the next few months.



Thanks, Judy Green

Worship & Music

Greetings from worship and music,



At the end of August, we said goodbye to Michael Fair, who has served our congregation during the summer. We are grateful for Michael's service and wish him well as he continues his undergraduate studies in composition.

TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE

September... Andrea Finley,
Darlene Seufert
October... Lynett Heritz,
Teresa Primmer



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

Joan Horvath will be in the office on Mondays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.—Noon starting Monday, September 16th.



Worship 10 am



Fellowship 11 am

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 Communion Greeter.. Usher..Ethan DeMaegd W.L. Chris Wukovits</p>	<p>2</p> 	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 National Cheese Pizza Day</p> 	<p>6</p>	<p>7 Upper Room Sale 9-2</p>
<p>8 Greeter.. Usher..Carole Polk Michael Green W.L. Chuck Wukovits PW meeting after worship</p> <p><i>*Daniel on vacation, Richard Fair will be here</i></p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 PWCT kick off with light supper in Fellowship Hall 6:30 p.m.</p> 	<p>12</p>	<p>13 QoV 9-2</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 Greeter.. Usher..Greg Phillips W.L. Dyan Phillips Mission Meeting after worship</p> <p><i>Daniel on vacation, Richard Fair will be here</i></p>	<p>16 Joan in office Mondays and Thursdays</p> 	<p>17 *Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>18 Upper Room workday 10-Noon</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 National Pepperoni Pizza Day</p> 	<p>21</p>
<p>22 Greeter.. Usher..Ryan Frey W.L. Darlene Seufert</p> <p>First Day of Fall</p> 	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 Greeter.. Usher..Bill Bellairs Ethan DeMaegd W.L.</p>	<p>30</p>					