



# First Presbyterian News

## September 2021

401 Lincolnway East, Mishawaka, In. 46544

Hello FPC family and friends!

How was your Summer this year? I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. Just looking back at my Summer, it has been filled with gratitude, joy, new experience and many blessings.

First of all, I want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart to our FPC church members and friends for organizing and celebrating such a wonderful baby shower in July. Jae and I were so overwhelmed by your love, blessings and the lovely baby gifts. Our baby Cho will use a lot of the gifts you gave, and we will keep reminding our little one of the love and blessings that she has received from you.

A week after Jae's baby shower, I had a privilege to officiate the wedding for Kristopher and Claudia. Since it was my first time officiating a wedding, I had a bit of concern and nerves but with the help of our wonderful FPC Wedding Coordinating Team the wedding went well. Although the married couple weren't our church members, I was happy for them to get married in our church and was honored to conduct their wedding ceremony. I will never forget my first experience for officiating a wedding.

In August, our church had an annual Putt-Putt outing. Thanks to John and Sue Rice for opening up the place for our church members every Summer. It was hot and humid, but we enjoyed our time together playing a mini-golf game. Also, thanks to Carol and Marc for setting up the dinner after Putt-Putt outing. By having food together, we were able to stay connected and extend our fellowship hours.

Due to the Pandemic crisis last year, the family of Betty Favorite decided to postpone Betty's memorial service until the situation with Covid was better, so that the whole family, relatives and friends of Betty would gather together in person to worship and celebrate. The memorial service was finally held at our church on August 21<sup>st</sup> with beautiful music and message. As always, our PW group did a great job on providing wonderful food for the family and guests at the reception.

Unfortunately, we had to miss our annual church picnic last year, but we finally got together this year 2021. Thanks to our deacons group for being in charge for preparing the picnic luncheon, and thanks to Teresa for opening up her place for worship and fellowship on Picnic Sunday. I hope those who came to the picnic enjoyed your time and fellowship together. My summer seemed to be busy and hectic with all kinds of events - baby shower, wedding, outing, memorial service and church picnic, but I enjoyed them all, thankful for a fruitful summer and being surrounded by great people. How blessed I am!

**"Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways! You shall eat the fruit of the labors of your hands; you shall be blessed, and it shall be with you." Psalm 128: 1, 2**  
Pastor Daniel

## Presbyterian Women

September is the official beginning of the PW calendar.

Just a reminder that all women of the church are Presbyterian Women.

You are always welcome to attend any function from Bible Study to baking for the November 13th Bake/Vendor sale.

September 15 is our kick off with a light supper in Fellowship Hall, a short business meeting and introduction to the 2021-2022 Bible Study. This year's Bible study is entitled "*What My Grandmothers Taught Me*" by Meryl Blair. Most of us have been told stories of our grandmothers, great grandmothers and for some even further back. Our author looked at Matthew and the lineage of Jesus starting with Tamar and wrote how Jesus may have been influenced by the women who were his grandmothers. Books are on the CE desk and the cost this year is \$10. The event starts at 6:30 pm.

Please check the weekly bulletin for information about Upper Room work and sale dates. The bake/vendor sales and Upper Room sales fund our mission projects. This has been very successful for us in the last couple of years and we have been able to help more worthwhile organizations. Darlene Seufert



There will be an Advent book study during the month of November on a book called *The Heart That Grew 3 Sizes*. based on the Grinch. I thought we needed something a little lighter with everything that is going on around us these days. I am waiting to see how this virus situation plays out in the next couple of months to see if we will offer a light supper as well, prior to the book study.

You could wait until October to purchase. That way I would know if we are having the light supper.

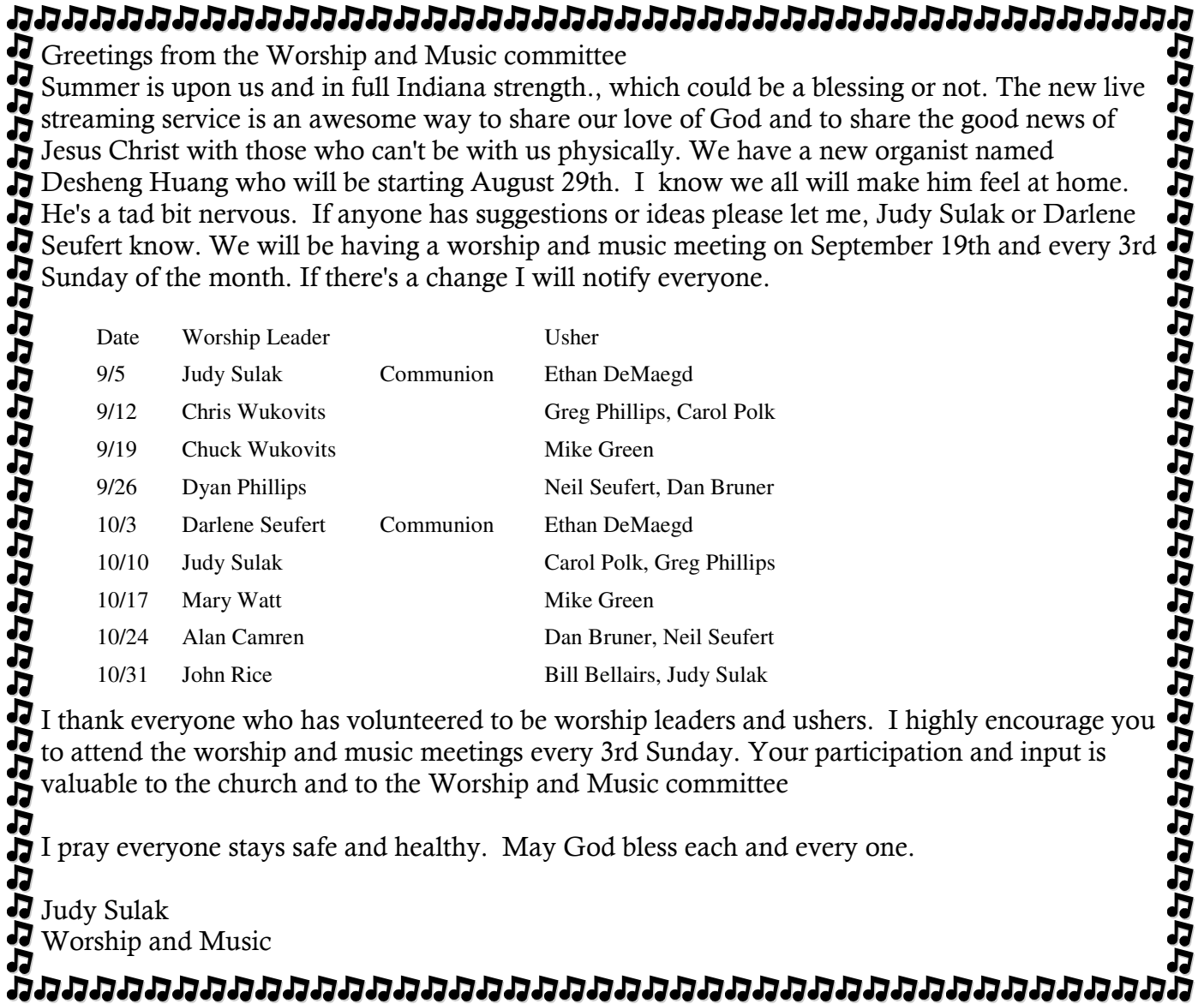
Blessings, Chris

August 7th, Putt-Putt outing/dinner. Thanks to John and Sue for hosting us @ Putt-Putt Golf, and Deacons for dinner. It was a little warm but so much fun!

Not sure who had the lowest score, Marc or Chuck, possibly.

Putting is fun, and it was no contest that Daniel had the most fun within the group. He outscored everyone!





Greetings from the Worship and Music committee

Summer is upon us and in full Indiana strength., which could be a blessing or not. The new live streaming service is an awesome way to share our love of God and to share the good news of Jesus Christ with those who can't be with us physically. We have a new organist named Desheng Huang who will be starting August 29th. I know we all will make him feel at home. He's a tad bit nervous. If anyone has suggestions or ideas please let me, Judy Sulak or Darlene Seufert know. We will be having a worship and music meeting on September 19th and every 3rd Sunday of the month. If there's a change I will notify everyone.

Date	Worship Leader	Communion	Usher
9/5	Judy Sulak		Ethan DeMaegd
9/12	Chris Wukovits		Greg Phillips, Carol Polk
9/19	Chuck Wukovits		Mike Green
9/26	Dyan Phillips		Neil Seufert, Dan Bruner
10/3	Darlene Seufert	Communion	Ethan DeMaegd
10/10	Judy Sulak		Carol Polk, Greg Phillips
10/17	Mary Watt		Mike Green
10/24	Alan Camren		Dan Bruner, Neil Seufert
10/31	John Rice		Bill Bellairs, Judy Sulak

I thank everyone who has volunteered to be worship leaders and ushers. I highly encourage you to attend the worship and music meetings every 3rd Sunday. Your participation and input is valuable to the church and to the Worship and Music committee

I pray everyone stays safe and healthy. May God bless each and every one.

Judy Sulak  
Worship and Music

The dull and heat laden days of August, the endless leaden dog days vanished in a rain storm, and September dawned bright and sparkling and sunny.

The foliage changing to lemon yellow, watermelon red, russet, and gold and bronze, the woods were afire with color but clean and chilled by an autumn wind.

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 Please send information for the October news letter to the church office by September 17th. Thank you.  
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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Pastor hours: Tuesday thru Thursday 9 to noon

Office Secretary hours: Tuesday thru Friday 9 to noon

Financial Secretary hours: Monday 9 to noon \*back to Thursdays late September

Custodian hours: Monday thru Friday 6 am to 11am

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**MAC Mishawaka Alliance of Care**

**NOTES FROM THE MAC FOOD PANTRY BOARD MEETING ON AUGUST 5, 2021**

\*The food pantry has returned to schedule on Tuesdays 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. and Fridays 10 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

\*Members fluctuate, Shelia, Pantry Director, reported for June & July 404 families and 344 individuals were served.

\*Clients, once again, find a variety of food in the grocery carts, another duty of a faithful group of volunteers.

Janet Freeman

**Good News...**

Church Secretary Nancy Adams is returning to the office starting Tuesday, August 31. She wants to thank every person & pet who came to visit, sent cards and called.

**Not so good news and we are thankful news...**

Custodian John Mclean is out due to an injury that resulted in hip surgery earlier this month. He is home, and his sons, Peter and Reid of TWOam Janitorial will help cover the many things that John does. We are thankful that John is recovering and that Reid and Peter are helping us.

**Church Officers and Committees**

Session: Greg Phillips, John Martz, Chris Wukovits, Mary Ann Dentino, Judy Sulak

Board of Deacons:

Carole Polk Moderator, Bill Bellairs, Tom Camren, 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: Nancy Adams

Chair Personnel: Greg Phillips

Chair Prayer Chain: Lynett Heritz

Presbyterian Women: Darlene

Seufert and Chris Wukovits

Chair Special Gifts: Sue Rice

Chair Stewardship: Ron May,

Treasurer: John Rice

Chair Worship and Music: Judy

Sulak

**BOOK CLUB**

Join us the 3rd Sunday of each month as we discuss our monthly choice. Contact Judy Green for the details, [mtcgjag@aol.com](mailto:mtcgjag@aol.com) or check the Sunday bulletins.

Let the Reading begin!

**TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE 2021**

SEPTEMBER	BRITTANY
OCTOBER	TERESA/LYNETT
NOVEMBER	MARY ANN
DECEMBER	JUDY G./ CAROLE

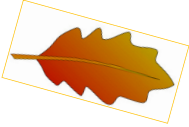



A memorial for Richard "Dick" Dentino is planned for October 2nd, 11 am at the church.





**Worship 10 am**

# September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 World Day of Prayer	2	3	4
5 <b>Communion</b> Greeter, Bill Bellairs Usher, Ethan D W. Leader: Judy Sulak	6 <i>Labor Day</i>	7	8 	9	10 QoV 9:30 to 2	11 <i>Upper Room sale 9 to 1</i> QoV 9:30 to 2
12 Greeter, Bill Bellairs Ushers, Carol P & Greg P W. Leader, Chris Wukovits <b>Deacons 11:15am</b>	13	14 <i>Home Owners meeting 6:30pm</i>	15 PW Kick off 6:30 pm	16	17	18
19 Greeter, Bill Bellairs Usher, Michael G W. Leader, Chuck Wukovits <b>Worship &amp; Music 11:15am</b> <i>Book club</i>	20	21	22 U.R. work day 2-4 pm Hello Fall 	23	24	25
26 Greeter, Bill Bellairs Ushers, Neil S & Dan B W. Leader, Dyan Phillips	27	28	29	30		

Sometime between 2:00 PM on Sunday August 22 and 8:30 the next morning, one or more thieves broke in to the church building. They took a stepping stone from near the tool shed, went down into the gully, and threw the stone through a classroom window. From there they jumped to the basement floor and then proceeded to the church office. They kicked in Daniel’s office door to enter the office area. Daniel and Teresa feel as though the Pastor’s and Secretary’s offices seemed complete. The finance office did not fare as well. Joan’s desk and two file cabinets were broken into. They took a box of unused church checks. Loss of money was limited to a zip lock bag of pennies, but they also took files containing deposit records, including bank statements and deposit slips. One file had copies of member checks from January. Some of Joan’s personal property was missing. They also took the bank bag that we use to carry the offering downstairs. Inside the bag was an office key and a key to Joan’s desk. Upstairs in the CE building, the (empty) cash register used for upper room sales was taken. A light was found on in Memorial Lounge, but nothing else seemed amiss anywhere in the old church building.

The church already has new bank accounts. We have contacted the members who wrote checks in January and shared the news along with tips from various bankers on how to combat potential attacks on their checking accounts. As of the following Wednesday, the police have little to go on, but were beginning to knock on doors in the neighborhood for possible tips. Chuck made temporary repairs to the window, John replaced the lock on Joan’s desk, and Dan and Hazen swapped Daniel’s office door with a classroom door from downstairs.

Members are asked to be alert for anything that they see or miss in the church that might need reporting. John is maintaining a list for the insurance company. We are welcoming many great suggestions on how best to move past this event!

**DESCRIPTION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOR  
CITY OF MISHAWAKA HISTORIC LANDMARK APPLICATION**

Construction on the First Presbyterian Church at 401 Lincoln Way East, Mishawaka, IN was started in 1909 and completed in 1911 at a cost of \$30,000 (\$88,745,000 today). It is located in the Beiger Historic District east of the city's central business district, at the northeast corner of Union Street and LWE. The building has an "Outstanding" designation on p. 95 of the City of Mishawaka Summary Report, Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory dated 1995. This report describes the architecture as Classical Revival style, while the church history describes it as Georgian. The architect was the firm of Badgley & Nicklas of Cleveland, Ohio. They note the building as "fine type of New England Colonial architecture."

Building materials consist of red brick and "dressed" buffed stone used for the columns, tracery and keystones. Exterior dimensions (including the portico and steps) are 85 x 94 feet. All 57 windows (including basement windows) are original and made of leaded glass. They were purchased for \$1,600 from VonGerichten Art Glass Co., Columbus, Ohio. In today's dollars cost would be \$4,733,104.

For purposes of this application, the outstanding landmark designation is being sought only for the original red brick building facing LWE. It does not include a 2-story tan brick addition from 1960; while the addition meets the landmark age requirement, its materials and design are not commensurate with the historic landmark guidelines.

**Facade, LWE:**

The front portico has 4 pairs of stone pillars with Doric capitals supporting a pitched red tile roof. The cornice and gutters are copper. The red brick triangular pediment has a circular stained glass window with 4 keystone motifs. The stone entablatures has fluted ornamentation. There are 11 stairs leading to the front entrance, where there are 3 sets of double doors with stained glass fanlights surrounded by stone arches with a keystone.

**West Side, Union Street:**

Here are 3 large arched stained glass windows with capstones, each containing 15 stained glass panels. They contain religious phrases in Greek and Latin. At the north and south corners are 2 rounded niches, each containing 4 small stained glass windows.

**Southwest, Rear:**

Located here is one very large stained glass window. Although not especially noticeable on the exterior, this window is a prominent feature in the sanctuary. It depicts Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.

**Bell Tower:**

Atop the church is a classic octagonal bell tower in the style of noted architect, Christopher Wren. It is made of copper with a weather vane spire, a faceted ogee dome, and a stone balustrade. The tower is supported by 8 pillars with composite capitals and adorned with 4 arched stained glass panels set in brick at the tower's base. It is further adorned with 4 ornamental stone urns atop scrolled stone pedestals.

**East Side:**

The exterior features 12 stained glass rectangular windows with keystones. They are placed symmetrically atop each other with 6 on each of the 2 floors of the building. Natural light for the basement is provided by 4 leaded glass windows.

In summary, it would be nearly impossible to duplicate the building's classical architecture, quality of construction materials, and workmanship today.

Respectfully submitted, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MISHAWAKA

*(Thank you Mary Watt for all the hard work you put into this)*