



# First Presbyterian News

August 2020

401 Lincolnway East, Mishawaka, In. 46544

## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DANIEL

Last June 10<sup>th</sup>, I flew to Seattle because my wife Jae finally completed her study at Seattle Pacific University, and was ready to move into Mishawaka. Although she missed her graduation ceremony, we are very happy and grateful for her achievement. I am also happy and grateful that Jae is here in Mishawaka with me, and it has been fantastic for being together (except for nagging me to clean up my room).

Like the Words of the Teacher says in Ecclesiastes 4:9a, 11: **"Two are better than one... if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone?"**

Here, the author uses an example show the benefits that come with companionship.

Back in 2009, I took a road trip back to home to Seattle from Chicago after I finished my seminary study. I don't have any good or special memory from that trip because I was all alone. On the way back to Seattle, I only stopped at Mt. Rushmore to view the sculpture features the faces of four American presidents, but it only took less than 30 minutes to view. I just drove and tried to get to Seattle as fast as I could.

However, the road trip that I took this year was a very special and memorable trip because Jae was with me. It was longer driving distances and days than I did in the year 2009, but I enjoyed driving because while I was driving Jae entertained me, handed me over a snack or drink to keep me awake. When I got tired from a long drive hour, she took the wheel for me so that I could take a break. On the way back to Mishawaka, we stopped and toured several places to relax and enjoy the beauty of natures that God has created.

When there is a companion, it's better. Two are better than one. Two will achieve for each other more than one can attain. Two people can support each other by working together. If one fails, the other can help. If two are better than one, three or more are even better.

Even Jesus mentions about the value of companionship, he said, **"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."** (Matt. 18:20)

God created human beings for companionship as social beings. Although western culture is marked by rugged individualism, we Christians cannot be individualists because we are all members of a community "the body of Christ". Today, God has called us to work together, live together, and share life together so that we can make our community and world a better place to live in for those around us.

Blessings,

Pastor Daniel.

**To congregation members and friends of FPC:**

We want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you who contributed money for our sign replacement. We received \$15,000 from the insurance company for our demolished sign and were looking at a \$22,700 shortfall to replace it. The Session was wondering where we were going to get that kind of money without dipping into our dwindling reserves. The response, to our seemingly hopeless situation, was overwhelming! As of Sunday morning, July 19<sup>th</sup>, we're almost there! We feel "thank you" is such an understatement. We couldn't possibly have afforded our beautiful new sign without your generosity. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.....

Christine Wukovits on behalf of the Session

**Presbyterian Women at First Presbyterian Church, Mishawaka****UPPER ROOM**

**We are not taking any new items at this time. Covid has affected a couple of our sale days, but given people plenty of time to clean out their closets. Note upcoming work/sale days: Lots to be done to get ready for next sale.**

**AUGUST**

Sat. 8/1 10-12 pm Work Day  
Wed. 8/19 4-6 pm Work Day

**SEPTEMBER**

Sat. 9/12 - **SALE DAY** 9-2 pm

**2020 Annual Community Support Spotlight - August**

**ReSale to the Rescue** [resaletotherescue.org/](https://resaletotherescue.org/)

Opening in July 2016, this Second-hand shop located at 905 W. McKinley, Mishawaka, dedicates its profits to five animal rescue organizations in the Michiana Area: Heartland Small Animal Rescue, Pet Refuge, Meow Mission, Frantz Fund, and South Bend C.A.R.E. They welcome all kinds of donations to sell in their shop. If you are at the store, you may see Chris Wukovits stocking shelves and sorting through new donations. Because of that relationship, our own Upper Room has benefited from some of their donations. The shop is always rotating inventory to keep it fresh, so make sure to stop by often. They are open Tues -Sat 10-6 pm. Since 2016, they have raised over \$300,000. Part of that total comes from their annual fundraiser -S/No Ball Event. The \$200 we donated went to animal sponsorships at the event. We sponsored 4 animals who all found forever homes!

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Pastor hours: Tuesday through Thursday, 9 to noon

Office Secretary hours: Tuesday through Friday, 9 to noon

Financial Secretary hours: Monday, 9 to noon (for the summer)

Custodian hours: Monday through Friday, 6 am to 11 am

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P.O. Box 744 Mishawaka, Indiana 46546**MAC Mishawaka Alliance of Care****MAC Food Pantry – submitted by Janet Freeman**

The Pantry continues to serve the clients on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Numbers vary. Volunteer are priceless. Operations are mandated by the rules in place due to the virus. Everyone must wear a face mask including volunteers and clients. They are made available for individuals if they come without one. Volunteers help some clients move groceries to their cars.

Donations including free milk from Prairie Farms will continue through August. A Boy Scout Troop donated individual bottles of hand sanitizer.

The Pantry is receiving fresh produce from a family who grows a large garden during the growing season. That project is a challenge for the volunteers who must wear gloves.

USDA product is unloaded at the Food Bank. Making arrangements to make a trip to pick up the order can be a challenge.

Albright UMC making a home for the Food Pantry is a blessing.

**Church Officers and Committees**

**Session:** Angela Bellinger, Lynett Heritz, Greg Phillips, Darlene Seufert, Chris Wukovits

**Board of Deacons:**

Carole Polk Moderator, Bill Bellairs, Tom Camren, Dick Dentino, Pam Martz, Teresa Primmer

**Facilities and Operations**

Lynett Heritz, Chair

**Book Club:** Judy Green

**Clerk of Session:** Teresa Primmer

**Christian Education:** Chris Wukovits, Chair

**Finance:** Ron May, Chair

**Mission and Evangelism:**

Angela Bellinger, Chair

**Newsletter:** Nancy Adams

**Personnel:** Greg Phillips, Chair

**Prayer Chain:** Lynett Heritz

**Presbyterian Women:**

Carole Polk and Judy Green

**Special Gifts:** Sue Rice, Chair

**Stewardship:** Ron May, Chair

**Treasurer:** John Rice

**Worship and Music:**

Darlene Seufert, Chair

**UPCOMING THINGS TO LOOK FOR**

We are hopeful that the Wednesday evening Lenten book study group that was interrupted by the pandemic can resume for the final three sessions the beginning of October. Check upcoming weekly bulletins for details.

Also a prospective October activity will be a roundtable discussion regarding what good things have come out of the pandemic and the adjustments we have had to make. Details are pending on this as well!

**2020 TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE**

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



## INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE PC(USA)

### HOLY DISCONTENTMENT

Grassroots Advocacy and Organizing in the PC(USA)

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Office of Public Witness in Washington, DC, provides services that help Presbyterians express their concerns and holy discontentment to people in government in a timely and effective way. This document serves as a blueprint for Presbyterians who wish to engage more deeply with civic life and move their community deeper into advocacy and organizing for just public policy.

### GUN VIOLENCE, GOSPEL VALUES

Mobilizing in Response to God's Call

### RECOMMENDATIONS

The 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2010) approved the following:

The Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy (ACSWP), recognizing the need for a new approach to the plague of gun violence, recommends that the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2010) approve the following:

To awaken members and communities to the faith dimensions of our on-going tragedy:

1. Encouraging the church at every level – from individual member to congregation, presbytery, synod, and national church – to become informed and active in preventing gun violence, to provide pastoral care for victims of gun violence, and to seek a spiritual response of grief and repentance, grace and courage to resist that violence and celebrate the Lord and Giver of Life. This proposal does not preclude the legal use of personal firearms for hunting or sports-related purposes.
2. That the church take responsibility to build public awareness of gun violence and the epidemic of preventable gun-related deaths, totaling more than 620,000 over the past twenty years, with hundreds of thousands more wounded. Even while taking the focused and urgent efforts below to achieve practical solutions, that the councils and congregations welcome discussion from all viewpoints, that the councils and congregations welcome discussion from all viewpoints, and that the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy review and summarize responses for the 220<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2012).
3. That congregations address the temptation to gun suicide and murder-suicide among both old and young people, and that pastors especially present practical theologies of peace as alternatives to fantasies of power, idolatries of force, strategies of vengeance, and the gravitational pull of nihilism or depression.
4. That the church liturgies not only call for periodic preaching on gun violence but also contain prayers for the victims and perpetrators of gun violence and confession of our own complicity in the perpetuation and toleration of violence in all its forms in the culture.

To assist congregations and members in supporting focused local and state initiatives:

5. That, to embody its spiritual awakening in response to this tragic devaluing of life, the church work to build a movement of urban-suburban ecumenical partnerships in order to better understand the problem of gun violence and take more effective action.
6. That local congregations lead or join in ecumenical gatherings for public prayer at sites where gun violence has occurred and to support, or assist with, appropriate law-enforcement guidance, "ceasefire," and other urban gang intervention strategies based on the public health model of addressing the most vulnerable populations.

7. That the church, particularly in its congregations, work with local law-enforcement agencies and community groups to identify gun shops that engage in retail practices designed to circumvent laws on gun sales and ownership, encourage full legal compliance, and support higher marketing standards, and if necessary, take nonviolent action against gun shops and gun shows that are known to sell guns that end up in crime, using the faith-based campaign of *Heeding God's Call*, a group active in Pennsylvania as an example.
8. That the church, at presbytery, synod, and General Assembly levels, and in cooperation with colleges, universities, and seminaries, sponsor regular educational and summer conference events on gun violence and its prevention, in order to raise the awareness of the faith community and call it to informed action.
9. Due to the recent expanded provisions in concealed carry laws in many states that now allow guns to be carried openly, including into houses of worship, we recommend that churches and other entities prominently display signs that prohibit carrying guns onto their property.
10. That the church encourage citizens, hunters, and law-enforcement officials who regularly handle weapons properly to be wise examples in reducing risks and teaching how to prevent the misuse of deadly force.
11. That the church direct and support its Washington office and other advocacy bodies to continue to advocate for the policies previously approved by PC(USA) General Assemblies and that can receive wide public support to
  - a. limit personal gun acquisition to one handgun a month;
  - b. require licensing, registration, and waiting periods to allow comprehensive background checks, and cooling-off periods, for all guns sold;
  - c. close the "gun show loophole" by requiring background checks for all gun buyers;
  - d. ban semiautomatic assault weapons, armor piercing handgun ammunition, and .50 caliber sniper rifles;
  - e. advocate for new technologies to aid law-enforcement agencies to trace crime guns and promote public safety;
  - f. raise the age for handgun ownership to the age of twenty-one; and
  - g. eliminate the Tiahrt Amendment to annual appropriations for the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) that impedes local law enforcement agencies in their use of gun traces and requires the Justice Department to destroy within two hours the record of a buyer whose NICS (National Instant Criminal Background Check System) check was approved.
12. Following the recommendations of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, to support laws to "require judges and law enforcement to remove guns from situations of domestic violence, as well as from people whose adjudicated mental illness, drug use, or previous criminal record suggests the possibility of violence," and to increase police training in nonviolent proactive intervention.<sup>1</sup>
13. To urge the Committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investment (MRTI) to develop a corporate engagement strategy for working with corporations in which the church may be invested that are producers or distributors of weapons that do not comply with its policies on gun violence prevention recommending shareholder proposals and divestment actions appropriate to the integrity and effectiveness the church seeks.
14. That the Compassion, Peace and Justice and Racial Ethnic Ministries areas include in their ongoing strategic reflection means through which church-wide faithfulness to these commitments can be monitored supported, encouraged, and resourced, in order to strengthen especially those congregations most exposed to gun violence, and that appropriate resources continue to be made available to help in worship, pastoral care, and public policy work.
15. That councils of the church seek to partner with other faith institutions to create and sustain a national, activist faith-based social movement to save thousands of lives yearly.
16. That the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly be directed to post this report on-line, distribute it through the social witness CD, and print it in limited quantity for councils, congregations, and other educational and advocacy use.

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.bradycampaign.org/facts/gunviolence/GVSuicide>

These 2 resources are available through the church library.

Teresa Primmer, Clerk of Session



## Worship and Music

Darlene Seufert, Chair

As we continue to worship in our sanctuary at Mishawaka FPC or at home with live streaming, we are grateful to Pastor Daniel, our July worship leaders, our music leaders, Jane Peiffer and Jae Cho, for making this time such a Blessing.

With the increase in Covid-19 cases, this will be our norm for the next couple of months. We continue to pray for each other to be safe and well.

Our worship team for August is:

August 2: Chuck Wukovits, Ethan DeMaegd and Dick Dentino.

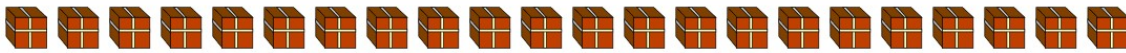
August 9: John Rice, Carole Polk and Greg Phillips

August 16: Mary Watt, Gordon Reif and Michael Green

August 23: Alan Camren, Dan Bruner and Neil Seufert

August 30: Dyan Phillips, Bill Bellairs, and Judy Sulak

Communion will be served August 2nd. We again are using our communion service with bread precut and in a plastic cup. The committee is open to any suggestions for making communion safe but meaningful as we celebrate the Lord's Supper together.



Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church USA Inc. and [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)  
Contributed by Sue Rice

The second quarter of the year, Amazon gave a donation of \$245.83 to the Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church USA Inc. That is right, almost two hundred and fifty dollars! Not only that, but since Amazon started this program they have donated \$2413.61 to Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church USA Inc.

Amazon's total donation to all charities is \$169,850,767.10. So please when you are ordering on line, use [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). You get the same great items and a small portion is given to people who know someone who can use the gift. Thank you.



### BLASTS FROM THE PAST

This tidbit was found in a November 1886 booklet entitled "Presbyterian Home Missionary." That publication has an endless amount of fascinating articles related to Presbyterian churches and missionary efforts in the country in the late 1800s. However, on the last page, something caught my eye in an advertisement that makes me highly happy I was not living in those days and in need of medical care. It is an advertisement for the Eclectic Medical College (true name) in New York. You would be thrilled to know in order to become a doctor at that time, you would have to fulfill only these stipulations:

"Requirements for Graduation – Twenty-one years of age, three year's study under the supervision of a reputable physician; and attend two full terms of instruction in an incorporated medical college, the last of which shall be in this College. Every candidate must present a thesis of his own production on some medical subject."

And presto, you were a doctor! And what was the astonishing cost of this medical school education, you ask??

"Fees – the fees for instruction (to be paid in advance) are as follows: Matriculation - \$5; for each Full Course of Lectures, \$100; Demonstrator's Ticket, \$10; Hospital, free; Chemical Laboratory, \$5; Pathological Laboratory, \$5; Graduation Fee, \$30."

Scary stuff, isn't it!?

# August 2020

**Worship 10 am  
Fellowship at 11 am**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> Upper Room pop-up sale 9:00 – noon
<b>2</b> Communion Liturgist – Chuck W. Greeter – Bill B. Ushers – Ethan D., Dick D.	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Liturgist – John R. Greeter – Bill B. Ushers – Carole P., Greg P.	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Golf/Putt-Putt Outing
<b>16</b> Liturgist – Mary W. Greeter – Bill B. Ushers – Gordon R., Michael G.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Upper Room work day	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Church picnic	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> Liturgist – Dyan P. Greeter – Bill B. Ushers – Bill B., Judy S.	<b>31</b>					

As in the past few months, other than worship services, the activities listed above may  be subject to cancellation.

However, one of these days we will once again  have a full complement of activities and events!