



# First Presbyterian News

December & January

2019

2020

401 Lincolnway East, Mishawaka, In. 46544

“Chestnuts roasting on an open fire / Jack Frost nipping at your nose / Yule-tide carols being sung by a choir / And folks dressed up like Eskimos.” This is one of my favorite Christmas classic songs that I enjoy hearing during Christmas season. Whenever I listen to “The Christmas Song,” it brings my Christmas childhood memories: Christmas tree decoration, Christmas pageant, Christmas carols and Christmas presents.

Sometimes, I wish I could go back in time and relive my childhood of Christmas because there was so much joy and excitement in my heart. As I get older, I notice that I have lost the feeling of joy and excitement for Christmas that I used to have. Maybe I have become like the cold-hearted villain “Scrooge”.

*The joy of Christmas possibly gets lost in our busy lives.*

Think about the story of the shepherds in the field on the night of Jesus’ birth according to Luke. **“In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.”** (Luke 2:8) The shepherds were busy with their job. They weren’t just sitting and watching over the flock. They must be awake, and their eyes must be fixed on their flock in order to protect them from any danger especially at night. The lives of shepherds were hard and busy. In the midst of their busyness at night, what happened? Suddenly, a great light splits the night and an angel of the Lord stood before them. The shepherds were terrified for the glory of the Lord shone around them. But the angel told them, **“Don’t be afraid; for see I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people.”** (Luke 2:10)

What was the good news of great joy? The angel said, **“Today in the city of David, a Savior has been born to you. You will find the baby lying in a manger”.** (Luke 2:11,12) After they saw the child in the manger, **“they returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen.”** The Lord brought them good news and filled their hearts with joy.

How do you feel about upcoming Christmas this year? Are you excited for Christmas? As Christmas approaches, may your heart be filled with joy for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. I would like to close my pastoral letter with this simple phrase.

“Although it’s been said many times, many ways / Merry Christmas to you” Pastor Daniel

Mission is busy, busy, busy...During Advent we are collecting the **Joy Offering**. December is the month of the **Christmas Joy Offering**. The offering will be received during Advent and Christmas Eve. Fifty percent will be distributed to the Board of Pensions which supports programs that provide support to retired and active church workers, and fifty percent to support Presbyterian higher education programs.

Please take the time to sign the giant card on the Mission bulletin board sharing wishes and glad tidings with your church family.

Mission would like to thank everyone who made this year’s Thanksgiving special for several families. All baskets were received with smiles and Thank You’s!

Our portion of the Peace Offering was donated to Hannah’s House.

In January we will start collecting items for our annual Soup’r Bowl. Look for the red tub in the Lobby and toss in your donations!

At the end of February we are collecting socks for Broadway Christian Parish.



**December 15<sup>th</sup> Children's Pageant 11:00** (following Service) In fellowship Hall. Please join us for a Christmas Pageant presented by the Children entitled "Following the Star"  
*A special Fellowship to follow.*

**Book Club** December 15<sup>th</sup> The Deal of a Lifetime by Frederick Backman and/or Tradd Street Christmas Spirit by Karen White at Teresa Primmer's at 3 p.m.  
 January book: select any book by author *Pippa Pralen*, historical fiction is the genre.  
 We are meeting at Lynett's on the 19<sup>th</sup>, 3 p.m. Rose Marie will be making the goodie!  
 questions? contact Judy [mtcgjag@aol.com](mailto:mtcgjag@aol.com)

**MAE Mishawaka Alliance of Care**

As you shop for all of your family favorites this month, please buy an extra one or two and donate to the shopping cart at church. The basics are always welcomed and some extras add a smile. Lunch time staples are always in need for the children who have 2 weeks off during the holidays. We collected several jars of peanut butter, but the pantry can always use more. Thank you.

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



UPPER ROOM!  
 Thanks to everyone who helped with the November Sale! We had a great day and look forward to making each and every future sale even better!  
 Please remember that we are currently NOT accepting donations until after January.  
**Also, we do NOT accept computers/monitors, printers, phones, faxes...anything electronic!!** Please donate those items to Goodwill yourself. We will be posting our sale dates in the next couple of months!  
 Please keep a look out for the times and think about donating some of your time to help on work/sale days!  
**BAKE AND VENDOR SALE!**  
 PW would like to thank all our cookie bakers and anyone who made baked goods. Our cookie walk has become very popular!  
 We had record number of vendors and sales, nearly \$2700.00 in sales.  
 Thank you to all who lent us a hand big and small!  
**Elizabeth Circle**, December 16th 7 p.m. at Chris W.'s home.  
**Ruth Circle**, December 19th 7 p.m. at Judy G.'s home  
 COMING UP  
 January 11th **PW Winter Gathering**: a mission work day. Details to follow in the weekly bulletin. The PWCT will meet at 9 a.m.  
 January 20th is Kitchen clean-up. The work will start around 10 a.m.  
**Ruth Circle**, January 16th at Rose Marie R.'s home  
**Elizabeth Circle**, January 20th p.m. at church

2020 Pledge Cards  
 November 10th was dedication Sunday. A number of pledge cards are already in. If you would like to turn one in still, you may use this one or one from the church narthex. Per Capita for 2020 is \$42.00.  
 Thank you.  
 Financial committee, Ron May, chair, Dick Dentino, and John Rice.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** **2020 Member Pledge Card**

**TAKE A STEP FORWARD FOR CHRIST!** *In response to God's love and as a concrete expression of my faith and in commitment to Christ and his church, I plan to take this step forward in my giving (check one as appropriate):*

**STEP UP TOWARD TITHING.** *I will move toward the goal of tithing.*  
 **STEP UP TO TITHING.** *I will give a tenth of my income to God's work.*  
 **STEP UP BEYOND TITHING.** *I wish to do more than God's minimum.*

**MY COMMITMENT FOR 2020 IS \$** \_\_\_\_\_ *per* week month quarter year *(circle one)*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ *check if this is an increase over 2019.*

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **2019**

This commitment may be changed at any time due to changing circumstances

**CHURCH STAFF**

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Pastor hours: Tuesday thru Thursday 9 to noon

Office Secretary hours: please see below...9 to noon

Financial Secretary hours: Monday and see below...9 to noon

Custodian hours: Monday thru Friday 6 am to 11am

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The distribution of the 2020 collection envelopes will be in your mailbox by December 1st.



The church office hours during the holidays will be adjusted. Church Secretary Nancy will be in on Mondays and off Wednesday holidays. Financial secretary Joan will be off Thursday the 26th.

**Church Officers and Committees**

**Session:** Angela Bellinger, Janna McLean, Greg Phillips, Darlene Seufert, Chuck Wukovits

**Board of Deacons:**

Lynett Heritz; moderator,  
Bill Bellairs, Pam Martz,  
Dick Dentino, Carole Polk,  
Teresa Primmer

**Facilities and Operations**

Chuck Wukovits, Chair

Book Club: Judy Green

Clerk of Session: Teresa Primmer  
Christian Education: Janna McLean,  
Chair

Finance: Ron May, Chair

Mission and Evangelism:

Angela Bellinger, Chair

Newsletter: Sue Rice

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

**All Saint's Day Memorials**

Scottie McCurdie November 2018

Betty Nay April 2019, grandmother of Dyan Phillips

Judy Kelly Wilkins, April 2019, former church secretary

Jean Radman, May 2019

Michael Vena, May 2019, son in law of Anna Bowers

Lt. Dr. Kaylie Ludwig, May 2019, friend of the McLeans

Ann Camren Smelser, June 2019, sister of Alan Camren

Norman Wiggers, June 2019, friend of the Camrens

Eugene Chrobot, August 2019, cousin of Rose Marie Reif

Laurie Chimel, August 2019, friend of the Reifs

Don Findley, August 2019, former church custodian

Richard Freeman, October 2019

Christina Sneddon, October 2019

**Changing of the guard 2020**

Elders: Many thanks to Chuck Wukovits and Janna McClean for their service to the church.

Lynett Heritz will take on the job of Facilities and Operations Elder and Chris Wukovits will use her skills in the Christian Education Elder position.

Deacons: Thank you to Lynett Heritz and a big welcome to Tom Camren. Pam Martz has blessed the church with another 3 years of service.

Judy Sulak and Ron May will be working members of the Nominating Committee.

**TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE 2019**

December - Katie  
January- Darlene  
February—Judy S.





# December 2019



**Worship 10 am**  
**Fellowship at 11 am**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1 Advent</i> Greeter: Darlene Seufert Ushers: Ethan D & Dan B W. Leader: Judy S.	2	3	4	5	6	7 <i>Deacon's Shopping</i> 7:30 am @ JC Penney's
<i>8 Advent</i> Greeter: Bill Bellairs Ushers: Carole P & Bill B W. Leader: Pam Camren	9	10	11	12	13	14 <i>Progressive Dinner</i> 5:30pm 
<i>15 Advent</i> Greeter: Carole Polk Ushers: Michael G & Gordon R W. Leader: Darlene Seufert Children's Pageant 11am Book Club 3pm	16 <i>Elizabeth Circle</i> 7pm @ Chris W's	17	18	19 <i>Ruth Circle</i> 7pm @ Judy G's	20	21
<i>22 Advent</i> Greeter: Bill Bellairs Ushers: Greg P & Judy S W. Leader: Alan Camren	23 	24 <i>eve services</i> 7:30pm	25 <i>Office Closed</i>	26	27	28
<b>29 Community Service</b> Greeter: Bill Bellairs Ushers: Dick D & Neil S	30	31				

# January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Office Closed	2	3	4
<b>5 Epiphany Sunday</b> Greeter: Bill Bellairs Ushers: Neil S & Judy S Liturgist: Darlene Seufert 	6	7	8	9	10	11 PWCT 9AM PW Gathering 10am 
<b>12</b> Greeter: Ethan DeMaegd Ushers: Carole P & Bill B Liturgist: Pam Camren	13	14	15	16 Ruth circle at Rose Marie's home 7pm	17 Newsletter deadline	18
<b>19</b> Greeter: Bill Bellairs Ushers: Greg P & Michael G Liturgist: Dyan Phillips	20 Kitchen cleanup 10am Elizabeth circle	21	22	23	24	25 
<b>26</b> Greeter: Bill Bellairs Ushers: Dick D & Darlene S Liturgist: Janna McLean	27	28	29	30	31	

King Nebuchadnezzar it seems // Was troubled with very strange dreams. // His wise men were stumped.  
To help, Daniel jumped // To explain what each one of them means. Daniel 2 (to be continued)