



# First Presbyterian News

March 2021

401 Lincolnway East, Mishawaka, In. 46544

## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DANIEL

Dear FPC Family and Friends

Although I shared this news during Sunday service on February 21<sup>st</sup>, I want to share this news again for those how haven't heard it.

It's official that Jae and I are finally going to be parents this coming Fall 2021!

On January 12<sup>th</sup>, Jae handed over a small brown rectangular box with smile on her face and said, **"It's early Valentine Gift."** I was a bit of confused, and wondered what kind of gift it was. I wasn't that much excited about the gift because it was too light.

When I opened the box, I realized she made a box by turning it inside out. I saw a small plastic stick. Initially, I thought that she was giving me a plastic letter opener as a gift. So, I asked her, **"Are you fooling around me? Is this a joke? What is this?"** Jae was giggling when she saw me still figuring out what it was.

I took a closer look, then I realized that it was a pregnancy test indicator. I asked her, **"Blue? Is this good sign?"** She was nodding her head with smile. She said to me, **"Look at what the indicator says: cross shape (plus sign), or minus shape?"** I said, **"I see a cross shape. So, what is this mean?"** Jae told me to read the word next to the **"plus sign"** which shows **"Pregnant"**.

I got so excited and saying it out loud with great big smile "Yaaaay!" I gave her a big hug.

We have been waiting and praying for having a child for nearly seven years, and it's finally happening. When we shared this news with both of our parents, they were thrilled and felt relieved. They were concerned about us for a long time, but didn't give any pressure. We are very thankful for their patience, support, and prayer.

Also, we would like to give thanks to our FPC family and friends for your love, kindness, support and encouragement to us. If you hadn't welcomed us two years ago, this wouldn't be happening today. I believe that God has pre-planned for us to have our first baby here in Mishawaka to share joy and blessing with you.

Most of all, we would like give thanks and praise to our God who has given us a gift of life. This is all by God's grace and blessing.

The psalmist says, **"Don't you see that children are GOD's best gift? The fruit of the womb his generous legacy"** (Psalm 127:3 MSG)? Yes, it's true that children are a blessing and a gift from God. It is God's way of saying that life is precious, and only he can give life both spiritually and physically.

Still, our baby is growing in Jae's womb, and I would like to ask your prayer and blessing, so that this little one can grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ.

Blessings,

Pastor Daniel

The Favorite Family would like to update news regarding a memorial service for their mother Betty who passed last October at 92 years of age. Because of continuing Covid concerns, we are still waiting to set a date for an "in-person" memorial celebration at FPC. That day will come, and we will literally gather to pray, sing and reminisce together.

In the meantime, we thank the church family and friends for their prayers and many, loving expressions of sympathy. Our sincere thanks also go to those who have already made financial contributions to the FPC Memorial Fund.

Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts.

Susan Favorite May

on behalf of all of

Roger and Betty's daughters

and extended families

## MISCELLANEOUS

Now that the weather will be more conducive to people attending live services, don't forget that we have a suggestion box next to the bulletin boards in the lobby. So far we have had a grand total of two suggestions, both of which were immediately acted upon. Please feel free to share your thoughts and wishes!

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The first Upper Room sale of 2021 will be held on Friday, March 12 and Saturday, March 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please contact Teresa, Lynett or Darlene if you are available and interested in helping out either day. Otherwise, just come enjoy the shopping!

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We were sorry to hear of the passing of Jean Bruner, a longtime member who had been living in Cincinnati. Our prayers go out to her family.

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Anyone with news or other items of interest you would like to see included in future issues of the newsletter, please feel free to submit them. As you can tell from this issue, some months are just slow on copy and we would welcome hearing from you!

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

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OUR MAIL ADDRESS: First Presbyterian Church-Mishawaka  
P.O. Box 744 Mishawaka, Indiana 46546**MAC Mishawaka Alliance of Care****MAC Food Pantry – submitted by Janet Freeman****NEWS FROM THE MAC**

The MAC Food Pantry and Granger Community Church annual Food Drop was held January 23, 2021. Volunteers unloaded 3,200 pounds of food which are now in place at Albright UMC. The Pantry continues to serve clients using the rules established due to the Coronavirus.

The volunteers are priceless as we continue to serve our neighbors who may be in need.

**Church Officers and Committees**

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

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**Stewardship:** Ron May, Chair

**Treasurer:** John Rice

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Judy Sulak, Chair

**Book Club – March 21st at 3:00 p.m.**

“The Forgotten Room” by Karen White, Beatrice Williams and Lauren Willig will be the selection for March. See the bulletins for updated information on where the meeting is being held.

**2021 TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE**

JANUARY DARLENE

FEBRUARY JUDY S.

MARCH PAM M.

APRIL ANGELA

MAY LYNETT

JUNE JUDY G./CAROLE

JULY DYAN

AUGUST LYNETT

SEPTEMBER BRITTANY

OCTOBER TERESA

NOVEMBER MARY ANN

DECEMBER JUDY G./

CAROLE

**Christian Education****Chris Wukovits – Chair**

The first Lenten book study was held on Wednesday and it was awesome. Even if you weren't able to attend the first session, come join in at any time. Everyone is welcome!

The remaining sessions will be March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, all beginning at 7:00 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board where you can volunteer to lead one of the sessions or provide snacks.

## BLASTS FROM THE PAST

On September 5, 1872, an arsonist set fire to the barn belonging to the Presbyterian parsonage. The fire, while not totally destroying the parsonage, was too much for the Mishawaka firefighters to handle on their own. The precursor of a call to 911 asking for help turned out to be in the form of telegrams that were sent to South Bend and Elkhart which then sent steam engines to assist in putting out the fire. My how the times have changed!!

Part of the fun of researching old documents, books and newspapers are the advertisements found from "the good ol' days." This one from a beauty salon in a 1934 paper made me green with envy. Among the advertised services are a Princess Supreme Push-Up Wave for \$1.95. This included a shampoo, cut and set, electric scalp treatment, soapless oil shampoo and fingerwave. You could also get a facial or a manicure for 50¢ each.

Another ad in the same paper was for Colver's Drug Store that was selling several flavors of ice cream for 18¢ a pint and 35¢ a quart! And as if that wasn't enough to ensure a great customer base, the ad contained a paragraph at the end that you would never see in today's world. It read: "Having added three new employees to our payroll, we hope to be in better position to serve you promptly. We wish to apologize for not being able to take care of the rush last Thursday night in the prompt manner we would have liked to." This store would have been on my list of favorites – wonderful prices and a passion for customer service!

## MISSION NEWS

### Mary Ann Dentino, Mission Committee Chair

SOCKS are needed at this time of the year by Mishawaka Food Pantry and Broadway Christian Parish. Let's help keep those feet warm. The month of March we will collect socks for men, women and children. They can be new or gently used. Please place them in the red tub in the CE Lobby. Thank you for your donations.



## One Great Hour of Sharing

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering can be given during the Lenten season. An envelope can be found in your envelope box or in the pews. Thanks to your heartfelt gifts. This offering currently supports projects in over 100 countries.



# MARCH 2021

Worship 10 am

| Sun                                                                  | Mon | Tue | Wed                                                              | Thu | Fri                                       | Sat                                                              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                      | 1   | 2   | 3 Upper Room work day 2:00–4:00 p.m.<br>Lenten book study – 7:00 | 4   | 5 Quilts of Valor – 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. | 6 Quilts of Valor – 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.                        |
| 7                                                                    | 8   | 9   | 10 Lenten book study – 7:00 p.m.                                 | 11  | 12 UPPER ROOM SALE 9-1                    | 13 UPPER ROOM SALE 9-1                                           |
| 14 Deacons' meeting – 11:15 a.m.<br><br>Daylight Savings Time begins | 15  | 16  | 17 Newsletter Deadline<br>Lenten book study – 7:00 p.m.          | 18  | 19                                        | 20 PWCT meeting – 9:00 a.m.<br>Joint Circle meeting – 10:00 a.m. |
| 21 Book club 3:00 p.m.                                               | 22  | 23  | 24 Lenten book study – 7:00 p.m.                                 | 25  | 26                                        | 27                                                               |
| 28 Session meeting – 11:15 a.m.                                      | 29  | 30  | 31 Lenten book study – 7:00 p.m.                                 |     |                                           |                                                                  |