

# First Presbyterian News

## March 2022

401 Lincolnway East, Mishawaka, In. 46544

**“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news.” Mark 1:15.**

Jesus’ first message of the Gospel in Mark is **“The time is fulfilled”**. The Greek word “time” is *kairos*. This is not simply chronological time, but decisive time for God’s action. Jesus spoke this message in public after John was arrested. This shows that God just stepped into our human history in a unique and decisive way. The time of John the Baptist was over; the time of Jesus, the fulfillment of God’s promise, had finally come: **The time is fulfilled.**

“*Kairos*” is God’s timing - one not marked by the past, the present or the future. *Kairos* is the time of experiencing God’s love and his salvation for the world. God offers us *Kairos* time.

Henri Nouwen writes in his book “Turning My Mourning into Dancing”:

**Time has to be converted, from *chronos*, mere chronological time, to *kairos*, a New Testament Greek word that has to do with opportunity, with moments that seem ripe for their intended purpose.**

**Then, even while life continues to seem harried, while it continues to have hard moments, we say, “Something good is happening amid all this.” We get glimpses of how God might be working out his purposes in our days. Time becomes not just something to get through or manipulate or manage, but the arena of God’s work with us.**

**Whatever happens – good things or bad, pleasant or problematic – we look and ask, “What might God be doing here?” We see the events of the day as continuing occasions to change the heart. Time points to Another and begins to speak to us of God.**

We are part of God’s timing “*kairos*”. Our times are in God’s hands. Our lives belong fully and finally to the One who created us. God’s timing is perfect, and he has the final say. Surely, waiting on God’s timing can be hard, but we must wait patiently and prayerfully.

Before Jesus began his public ministry, he had to wait. He had to wait on his Father’s timing. We are called to wait on God’s timing. Waiting does not diminish us. It is not wasted time. Rather, it is necessary for our emotional and spiritual growth. The longer we wait, the more we will learn about him and his plan for us.

**“Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him!” -Psalm 37:7a-**

At the *kairos* time, God will fulfill his promises to us. God’s timing is perfect. Trust God and his timing!  
Blessings, Pastor Daniel

### Lenten Book Study

Our Lenten book study will feature *Entering the Passion of Jesus, A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week* by Amy-Jill Levine. Jesus’ final days were full of risk. Every move he made was filled with anticipation, danger, and the potential of great loss or great reward. His followers risked everything as well, when they left behind their homes, followed his teachings, and anointed him with expensive perfume. We take risks as we read and re-read these stories, looking for new meanings and new challenges. Please consider joining us on Wednesday evenings during Lent to dig deeper into Jesus’ final days on earth. To keep everyone safe during this uncertain time, we will not be serving a light supper. However, we will have coffee, tea, and treats. The study will begin at 6:30, and we will try to end promptly at 7:30. (no promises!) The study will be on March 9, 16, 23, 30, and April 6 and 13. There will be a sign-up sheet in the CE lobby to make sure we have enough books. Hope you can join us for this meaningful study.  
Christine Wukovits, CE

## Presbyterian Women

### **Bible Study:**

What My Grandmothers Taught Me: “Learning from the Women in Matthew’s Genealogy of Jesus

Matthew 1:18-2:23 Lesson Seven, “Mary” is the first of two lessons on Mary, mother of Jesus. Mary is the final name in Matthew’s genealogy which tells us about a young girl who faces complete disgrace but with courage. Not only courage telling her family and Joseph that she is with child, but having to travel to a distant city and giving birth in a stable. Her final challenge is fleeing Bethlehem and becoming a refugee in a foreign land.

We will be having our joint circle meeting on March 19 at 10 am. (PWCT meeting at 9am)

Please bring a dish to share.

There are still Bible Study Books available on the desk in the Christian Ed office.

### **Upper Room News:**

March will be a busy month for us in the Upper Room. We have scheduled another work day, Saturday, February 26, 10-noon. We also have a work day March 3rd, 2 pm. - 4pm. I would remind our generous givers that items need to be clean, stain free, usable and working . The exception would be if needing batteries. Just mark “needs batteries”. We also get plastic containers. If you want those back, make a note otherwise they will be priced and sold. A huge thank you for all you do to make this mission profitable. The more we make, the more we can donate to charities.

Work Dates: February 26, March 3

2022 Upper Room Dates:

March 11th and 12th. Times for both dates are 9 am until 1 pm.

April 2nd, 10-noon

April 20th, 2 pm-4pm

**Hope Rescue** is our Mission focus for March. We’re glad to partner with the Mission Committee to help finance playground equipment for the younger children at Hope Rescue Mission. I have also included some items that are urgently needed. There will be a tub or box in the CE lobby for the personal items and cans of fruit and sugar. We’ll be collecting the whole month of March.

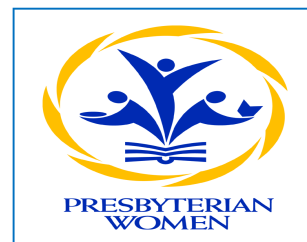
MOST NEEDED FOOD ITEMS: #10 CANS OF FRUIT AND SUGAR

PERSONAL ITEMS: MEN'S T-SHIRT AND UNDERWEAR M-XL

WOMEN'S UNDERWEAR SIZE 5-8

GIRLS CLOTHING SIZE 4-5

CHILDREN'S CLOTHING SIZE 2T & 3T



Thank you, Darlene Seufert, Co-Moderator of PW

### **SOCKS. SOCKS. SOCKS.**

The month of March, our mission will be collecting socks for the homeless. Let’s try to fill the big red tub in the lobby. You can bring men’s, women’s and children’s socks. Thank you in advance for help in keeping feet warm. Watch the newsletter for how many pairs we collect.



Mission Committee

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Pastor hours: Tuesday thru Thursday 9 to noon

Secretary hours: Tuesday thru Friday 9 to noon

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Custodian hours: Monday thru Friday 6 am to 11am

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**MAE Mishawaka Alliance of Care**

Please remember the shopping cart in the lobby at the church. Any super market item you share can and will be handed out to someone in need. If you would rather, you can send a check to Albright United Methodist Church 504 W Mishawaka Ave. Mishawaka, In 46545 Attn: Food Pantry. Thank you.

At the time of putting together the news letter, Janet Freeman had taken a fall and was in the hospital. Please contact the church for more information.

**Church Officers and Committees**

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

Board of Deacons:

Carole Polk Moderator, Bill Bellairs, Angela Bellinger, Pam Martz, Jenn Frey, Jim Stanz

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Chair Book Club: Judy Green

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Chair Newsletter: Sue Rice

Chair Personnel: Mary Watt

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

**Worship and Music**

**Ash Wednesday Service**

A small service with communion will take place on Wednesday March 2nd at 7:00 pm in Memorial Lounge. Pastor Daniel and Elder Darlene will lead service.

Thank you to all the volunteers who give their time and gifts to the church. Ushers, Worship Leaders, bread makers, greeters, fellowship volunteers, mask makers, toddler room sitters, shopping cart delivers, and the many who do things because they need to be done.

Readers are needed for the Tenebrae service on Maundy Thursday. Contact Judy Sulak if you can help.

**TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE 2022**

March.....Pam M.

April.....Angela

May.....Lynett

June.....Judy G./Carole

July.....Dyan

August.....Lynett/Teresa

September...Brittany

October.....Teresa/Lynett

**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)

Please send information for the April news letter to Sue Rice by March 17th. [suce@aol.com](mailto:suce@aol.com) Thank you.



Worship 10 am

# March

Fellowship 11 am

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6 Communion 1st Sunday of Lent Greeter... Bill B. Usher... Carole and Greg W.L. John Rice	7	8	9 Lenten Study 6:30 pm	10	11 Upper Room sale 9am to 1 pm	12 Upper Room sale 9am to 1 pm
13 2nd Sunday of Lent Greeter...Bill B. Usher...Michael G. W.L. Judy Sulak Deacons 11:15am	14	15	16 Lenten Study 6:30 pm	17	18	19 PWCT 9am Joint Circle Meeting 10am  Mystery Quilts 10 to 11 am
20 3rd Sunday of Lent Greeter...Bill B. Usher...Neil S. W.L. Pam Camren Worship & Music 11:15 Book Club 2pm	21	22	23 Lenten Study 6:30 pm	24	25	26
27 4th Sunday of Lent Greeter...Bill B. Usher...Judy S. & Bill B. W.L. Chris Wukovits Session 11:15am	28	29	30 Lenten Study 6:30 pm	31		



**Last month was National Sewing Day on February 5th. The church basement had many happy sewers doing their thing. How wonderful to see the church being a center of worship and dedication again.**

