



First Presbyterian News

May 2021

401 Lincolnway East, Mishawaka, In. 46544

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DANIEL

First of all, Jae and I want to say thank you to our FPC family and friends celebrating together for the gender reveal event of our baby on Easter Sunday. It's official. It's a girl. I was a bit surprised with the result when I saw pink color confetti drop on the table after I popped up the gender reveal balloon. I was expecting a boy because most of my cousins from both side of my parents are male dominated group. So, I told others that I would be surprised if it's a girl, and it came out very surprising.

However, the baby's gender is no surprise to God because even before the foundation of the world God already hand-picked us to be the mother and father of this girl. Jae and I believe that God chose this little girl for us because there were no better people for the job to raise her. As a parent, we will take our responsibility to raise this child in love and faith.

The psalmist writes in Psalm 78:1-4, **"Listen, dear friends, to God's truth, bend your ears to what I tell you. I'm chewing on the morsel of a proverb; I'll let you in on the sweet old truths, stories we heard from our fathers, counsel we learned at our mother's knee. We're not keeping this to ourselves, we're passing it along to the next generation - God's fame and fortune, the marvelous things he has done."** (The Message version)

There are all kinds of stories, counsel, and instruction we can find in the Old and New Testament. And, it's a wonderful privilege and opportunity for parents to share God's Word and his plan with their children and the generation to come.

The apostle Paul wrote a letter to his young protegee Timothy how he has been taught from infancy to grow in his sincere faith by his grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice. Timothy didn't arrive at his faith as an adult through his own will or power. Rather, his mother and grandmother nurtured him with the Holy Scripture to help and prepare Timothy to grow his faith in Christ Jesus.

One important spiritual ministries is parenting - fostering faith in our children.

A spiritual legacy doesn't guarantee we'll come to faith, but the example and mentoring of others can prepare the way. It's the parents' duty and responsibility to nurture and raise their children in faith so that they can bless others when they grow up.

And, I believe that the church is the same. Each one of us in the body of Christ is called to encourage and nurture others. We may minister to others through being in regular prayer for them, teaching or leading a book study, visiting and spending time with someone who is lonely and sick, or even offering free tutoring for kids who need extra help in our community.

How might we be an encouraging presence in another person's life today? Who should we serve today for Christ?

In all our relationship, may we seek wisdom and guidance from our God to be wise leaders, parents, and friends to all people.

Blessings,

Pastor Daniel

Worship and Music

Judy Sulak, Chair

Greetings from Worship and Music,

Wow, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday what a rollercoaster ride of emotions. From Hosanna to tears to Hallelujah He has risen. I pray that the joy and peace of Easter Sunday stays with you all for the rest of the year. These services are so meaningful in our lives. They give us hope, peace and joy that all things are possible through our faith in Jesus.

Thank you all everyone who helped make those services so meaningful to all who shared in them. Without your help they would not have been as blessed as they were. I thank all you who serve as worship leaders and ushers. Your service is so important.

Worship Leader

Usher

May

2nd Dyan Philips

Ethan DeMaegd

9th Mary Watt

Carol Polk & Greg Philips

16th Alan Camren

Michael Green

23rd Chris Wukovits

Dan Bruner & Neil Seufert

30th Chuck Wukovits

Bill Bellairs & Judy Sulak

Please let me know if anyone needs to get a substitute. You can also switch days with someone. Let the office and me know . You all are a blessing to the church and to me.

There is still plenty of room on the Worship and Music committee for anyone who would like to join us in helping make the worship service meaningful to all

MAY BOOK CLUB

Saturday, May 22, at 4:00 pm will be a Korean-themed potluck at Judy Green’s home.

Book-The Island of Sea Women by Lisa See

Leader- Darlene Seufert

BLASTS FROM THE PAST

MOTHERS’ AND FATHERS’ DAY MEMORIES

Because everyone seemed to enjoy sharing memories of the past Live Nativity Scenes at the church, I had hoped perhaps we would get a good response for memories people hold dear of growing up with their mothers and fathers. It would be particularly nice to share them with others who knew your parents and bring back fond times.

Unless everyone here was raised by Joan Crawford (Mommie Dearest??), surely there are some great moments to be shared. I plan to put those in the June issue if I get enough of a response so please don’t hold back!

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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 and Thursday, 9 to noon

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

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MAC Mishawaka Alliance of Care

MAC Food Pantry – submitted by Janet Freeman

NEWS FROM THE MAC

In spite of having to tweak days and hours to be open during the pandemic, the MAC has continued to serve the area as much as possible. As always, your donations and those who volunteer your time are invaluable!

Church Officers and Committees

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

Board of Deacons:

Carole Polk Moderator, Bill Bellairs, Tom Camren, Pam Martz, Jenn Frey, Jim Stanz

Facilities and Operations

John Martz, Chair

Book Club: Judy Green

Clerk of Session: Teresa Primmer

Christian Education: Chris Wukovits, Chair

Finance: Ron May, Chair

Mission and Evangelism:

Mary Ann Dentino, 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:

Judy Sulak, Chair

Our Sign

From Carole Polk

I have been working on our new sign and learning what it can do. I still have lots to learn, but have figured out some neat stuff along the way. We have advertised Sales, Special Services, Quilts of Valor.

If you want something on the sign, email me the exact wording. Couple things to keep in mind:

I have to work on it at church, so I need plenty of notice. Include dates you want it to run. I schedule the run, so I can work well in advance of actual showing. I enter a start and stop date.

Keep the message short and concise – we are not at a stop so people are have about 6 sec as they drive by to see the message. Plus there is not a lot of room on the sign.

I am not the most creative person, so if you see anything you like, let me know – Use of colors, pictures, etc. I am open to any ideas and feedback.



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





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Presbyterian Women at First Presbyterian Church, Mishawaka

PW UPPER ROOM NEWS

We continue to thank our amazing congregation and friends who have sent us all the items we sell in our Upper Room. Just a reminder to make sure items are clean and in good shape (no rips or holes) and if electronics, in working order.

We are in the process of organizing our work room while also putting away our winter clothes and bringing out the summer items, and donating some items that can be used at the local charities groups like So Love, St. Margaret's House, Pet Refuge and Hope Rescue Mission.

Our May work dates are:
Wednesday, May 5th - 2pm to 4pm
Saturday, May 22nd - 10 to noon

Our next sale date is June 5th from 9am - 2pm

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NEWS FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE

Mary Ann Dentino. Chair

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the Birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us still, connecting us with the church of the past, continuing to inspire the church of today, and pointing us to the church of the future. Each year, this celebration is marked by receiving the Pentecost Offering which nurtures the faith of those who are the church to come - children, youth, and young adults.

Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By giving to the Pentecost Offering, we participate in helping our children, youth and young adults grow up to proclaim with the Psalmist, "O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds."

Our congregation keeps 40% of the Pentecost Offering to be used to support programs for young people in our community. We are asking for suggestions from the congregation for ideas of how or where we should give our 40%. Put your idea(s) in Mary Ann Dentino's mailbox with your name and idea(s). You could also give her your idea in person. The Mission Committee will select from the ideas you submit. Thank you for your participation.

New Masks

There are new spring masks made and ready for you for \$5. See Mary Ann Dentino if you are in need of a new mask. Remember all proceeds go to the Food Pantry. Thanks to Jae for the help in sewing the masks.



MAY 2021

Worship 10 am

| | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Upper Room work day 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. | 6 | 7 Quilts of Valor 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | 8 Quilts of Valor 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Grounds clean-up 9:00 a.m. -noon |
| 9 Deacons' 11:15 a.m. | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 - | 15 |
| 16 Worship & Music meeting 11:15 a.m. | 17 Elizabeth Circle – 7:00 p.m | 18 | 19 | 20 Ruth Circle – 7:00 p.m.at Rose Marie's | 21 | 22 Upper Room work day 10 a.m – noon Book Club – potluck 4:00 |
| 23 Day of Pentecost Communion | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | 31 Memorial Day | | | | | |