

First Presbyterian News

November 2019

401 Lincolnway East, Mishawaka, In. 46544

From Pastor Daniel Cho,

It's early to say this greeting, but I want to say "Happy Thanksgiving!" I am truly thankful for all your support, prayer, encouragement and love that you have shown me.

November, "The Month of Gratitude" has finally arrived. This is the month that we can look back on the year 2019 and reflect on what we are thankful for. What are you thankful for this year?

In Ephesians 5:20, believers are called to "give thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Here, Paul tells all believers to give thanks to God at all times. He also mentions the same message in 1 Thessalonians 5:18a, "give thanks in all circumstances".

In ancient religions, offering thanksgiving to the deities was common practice for those who received favors. The deities were considered to be the supreme benefactors of humanity, and one who received favors usually returned thanks with the hope of receiving further blessing in the future.

However, the apostle encourages the believers to offer thanks to God in all circumstances and at all times.

Then, how are the believers to be thankful for trials and tribulations?

Jesus on the night of his arrest, took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to his disciples, saying "Drink it; this is my blood."

On the last meal with his disciples, Jesus knew his hour "the beginning of great tribulation" had come. However, even in the midst of troubles Jesus gave thanks to his Father in heaven.

Thanks on the night of his arrest and coming trials?

Jesus gave thanks because he had confidence that God's will was being fulfilled through his suffering and death on the cross. Jesus knew that his Father would raise him from the grave to fulfill his will.

Why should we give thanks to God in all circumstances? Because "it is God's will in Christ Jesus for us" (1 Thessalonians 5:18b). God does not promise us that we will have good health, successful careers, or earthly riches. God does something better than these things for us: he gives us his one and only Son Jesus to be our Savior and in his Word he promises us eternal life.

By believing in God's will in Christ, we should be always thankful to God in all circumstances.

May God's blessings of love, peace and joy fill your life this November!



Mission Committee

We are doing 14 Thanksgiving baskets for Battell School this year. We will begin collecting for it November 10th and deliver them on November 24th. If you have any questions please contact **Angela Bellinger** (angelabellinger@hotmail.com). Here is the list of items needed and once again PW is donating pumpkin pies--many, many thank you's to all.

3 cans of Green Beans	1 large or 2 small boxes of Mashed Potatoes
1 jar or can of gravy	1 can of cranberry sauce 1 can of mushroom soup
1 can of French fried onions	1 large/ 2 small cans of sweet potatoes 2 boxes of stuffing



Presbyterian Women at First Presbyterian Church, Mishawaka

Upper Room – Sale is Nov 2nd 9-2pm. Lots of great items, many like new. Come check us out.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with sorting, pricing and working the sale days. So please consider helping out for a few hours every month! See Darlene Seufert, Teresa Primmer or Lynett Heritz to volunteer or hear more about the Upper Room!

DONATIONS FOR THE UPPER ROOM! We are currently NOT accepting donations at this time. We will be open for donations again in January.

Also just a gentle reminder that we DO NOT accept electronics; computers, old phones, televisions, printers, faxes and lawn equipment! If you have furniture please contact Darlene, Teresa or Lynett before dropping anything large off. **Clothing must be free of holes, tears and stains!** Other items need to be in good condition! If it's broken please, please do not leave it with us! If you are donating items of value, please give us an idea what they are worth. Many Thanks.

Bake Sale! We are excited about the crafters and vendors we have this year. The sale is **November 9th 9-2pm**. Please have your donated items to church by 5pm on Nov 8th. All cookies, breads and pies should be in a container and marked. Other items can be brought to us whole and we will cut and put out. Our cookie walk has become very, very popular. We are looking for a large variety of cookies, 2-3 dozen each please. If you have not signed up, check out the list on Clip Board to see who is bringing what. We are also looking for people to help with the sale, lunch or assisting the 18 vendors we have joining us. Please contact Lynett, Judy G or Carole if you can help. A flyer for you to post/share is included in this news letter.

Our **Bible Study** is under way. November is lesson 3. The lessons are stand alone and books are still available. Schedule for the two circles are on the Clip Board. Hope you can join us.

November 18th Host: Mary Ann Leader: Mary W., Elizabeth Circle

November 21st Host: Judy S Leader: Lynett, Ruth Circle

Huge thanks to the **PW of Wabash Valley**, of which Darlene is Moderator and Lynett is Secretary, for planning Fall Gathering. Mishawaka had 7 ladies in attendance. In addition to fun fellowship, we were able to connect with other PW groups and learn about their mission works and what their church is doing. Our guest speaker talked about making church handicap accessible and interacting with people who have disabilities. We at FPC have done a good job, but older buildings are a challenge. We need to continually review and adapt.

The Presbytery PW Coordinating Team is looking for new members to fill several positions. The coordinating team is made up of: Moderator, Vice Moderator, Secretary, Cluster Leaders, Mission Interpretation and Together in Service. Many roles are unfilled. The committee meets four times a year and is responsible for planning the gatherings. Please talk with Darlene or Lynett if you may be interested. Thank you, Carol and Judy

Presbyterian Women future important dates

Jan. 11 **PW Winter Gathering** – mission work day/brunch
 Jan. 20 **Kitchen clean-up** 10:00 a.m.
 Mar. 21 **Joint Circle Mtg. & Bible Study** @10:00 a.m. Carry-in

PWCT MEETINGS

Nov. 3rd meeting **canceled**
 Jan. 11th 9 a.m.
 Feb. 2th 11:30



Your AmazonSmile doing good works!!

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\$2,027.40 to Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church USA Inc
- \$144,958,582.84** to all charities

Thank you for supporting Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church USA Inc by shopping at smile.amazon.com.

On Sunday, November 3rd at 7pm we will be hosting the Bethel University Fall Choir Concert here in our sanctuary. Bethel will be selling tickets (\$7 adult, \$5 senior or student) at the ticket office if you would like to come. Thank you, Janna (janna.mclean@betheluniversity.edu)

Worship and Music We are just starting our busy time in the Life of First Presbyterian Church.

November 3rd we honor those from our church and friends and family of our church members who have passed on to their heavenly home. There will also be a congregational meeting to elect officers at the end of church.

November 24th is our very special St. Andrew's Day celebration. There will be some changes this year. Shortbread will still be on the Fellowship menu.

December 1st is the beginning of Advent. Communion will be served. The church will be beautifully decorated with the Advent candles ready to be lit in celebration of Christ's birth.

December 24th is our traditional Christmas Eve service. Come hear the hand bells ring and sing to the glory of our Savior's birth.

December 29th We are honored to host the community service between Christmas and New Year's this year. Pastor Daniel will be in the pulpit and our own Jane Peiffer is filling in for Brandon. Please come and welcome our fellow Presbyterians to our beautiful church.

Dear friends, if you have an afternoon free, please accept this invitation to my lecture recital, on Sunday, November 10 at 2:30 pm, at the Labar Performance Hall in O'Neill Hall of Music at the University of Notre Dame. This is a free concert that focuses on minimalist composer Steve Reich's acclaimed chamber work, *Tehillim*. It will be paired with J.S. Bach's cantata "Christ lag in Todesbanden" ("Christ lay in death's bonds"), which influenced Reich in his composing his music based on four separate Hebrew psalms.

It is thrilling to announce that Grammy-award winning ensemble Third Coast Percussion will also be joining us at this event! TCP is a quartet that has specializations in minimalist music. The concert will also feature the Notre Dame masters octet singing the Bach cantata, and soloists Jessica Roberts, Alissa Plenzler, Halle McGuire-Hobbins, and Jamie Caporizo for the Reich.

Hope you can join us, Brandon Hollihan

MAE Mishawaka Alliance of Care

A challenged to you...how many jars of peanut butter can our cart hold? One, two, twelve, twenty-four? Let's see! Are you up for this endeavor?

Maybe David knew!!
The Psalms

King David wrote psalms frequently.
They were numbered consecutively.
Thought he, "Of the rest
This one is the best!
Its number will be twenty-three."
(Daniel next)

BOOK CLUB

November 17th The Perfect Wife by J P Delaney at Darlene Seufert's at 3 p.m.

December 15th The Deal of a Lifetime by Frederick Backman and/or

Tradd Street Christmas Spirit by Karen White at Lynett Heritz's at 3 p.m.

please contact Judy for more information. mtcgjag@aol.com

It is with extreme sadness that we let our church family know about the passing of two loved ones close to our church, Lady Christina Sneddon and Richard C. (Dick) Freeman. Sympathy is extended to the families and their friends.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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Financial Secretary hours: Monday and Thursday 9 to noon

Custodian hours: Monday thru Friday 6 am to 11am

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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**

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Carole Polk and Judy Green

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Darlene Seufert, Chair

TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE 2019

November - Mary Anne

December - Katie

**First Presbyterian Church Mishawaka****Stewardship Letter and Pledge Card**

This year we are inviting members to gather together on Sunday November 10 to reaffirm our commitment to the mission of First Presbyterian Church.

First Presbyterian Church Mishawaka is a welcoming community called by God to be followers of Jesus Christ, fed by the word of God, and sent by the Holy Spirit into the world to live lives of stewardship and service. We do this through worship, music, pastoral care, congregational life, education programs, programs for children and youth, financial support for agencies doing God's work locally and elsewhere, and maintaining our facilities. The fulfillment of this depends upon financial support by all members. Your timely submission of a pledge for next year will help advance our mission for 2020.

The Stewardship Committee asks that all members please bring a completed 2020 pledge card (enclosed) to worship on November 10. Pledge cards will also be available to complete at the November 10 worship service. If you cannot attend, please bring or mail your pledge to the church as soon as possible.

We look forward to seeing you on Commitment Sunday November 10.

Yours in Christ,
The Stewardship Committee:
Ronald May, chair; Dick Dentino, 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



November

Worship 10 am
Fellowship at 11 am

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 <i>Upper Room sale 9am to 2pm</i>
3 FALL BACK CLOCKS Greeter: Lynett Heritz Ushers: Ethan D & Dan B W. Leader: Judy Green Congregational Meeting 11:05 a.m. Bethel University Fall Choir	4	5	6	7	8	9 <i>come to</i> PW Bake & Vendor sale 9 to 2 <i>today!</i>
10 <i>Commitment Sunday</i> Greeter: Ethan DeMaegd Ushers: Carole P & Bill B W. Leader: Chris Wukovits Organist Brandon's concert 2:30pm	11 <i>On the 11th day at the 11th hour... Veteran's Day</i>	12	13	14	15	16
17 Greeter: Bill Bellairs Ushers: Michael G & Judy S W. Leader: Chuck Wukovits News letter deadline Book Club 3pm @ Darlene's	18 Elizabeth Circle 7pm @ Mary Ann's	19	20	21 <i>Ruth</i> <i>Circle 7pm</i> <i>@ Judy S.'s</i>	22	23
24 <i>St. Andrew's Day</i> Greeter: Bill Bellairs Ushers: Greg P & Neil S W. Leader: Dyan Phillips Hanging of the Greens Delivering of Thanks-Baskets	25	26	27	28 <i>Happy</i> <i>Thanksgiving</i> <i>Office closed</i>	29 <i>Office closed</i>	30

From the Deacons...Important Dates to mark on your calendars!

Sunday, November 24th will be the **Hanging of the Greens**. We will decorate the sanctuary for the Advent Season. All hands are welcome to make 'light' of the task! Please join us after worship that Sunday!

Saturday, December 7th will be our **Deacon's Children's Christmas Shopping** at JC Penney's. Please sign up to help shop with a parent or grandparent that day. We meet at the Hair Salon at 7:30 and the families arrive at 8 to start shopping. We are usually finished in a couple of hours! Please see a Deacon (Bill Bellairs, Dick Dentino, Pam Martz, Carole Polk, Teresa Primmer or Lynett Heritz) to sign up! There will be more info to follow; so stay tuned!

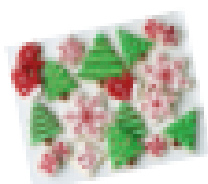
Saturday, December 14th will be the **Progressive Dinner**! This year the theme will be Retro Church Dinner! The Deacons will provide an old church favorite from years past; Ida's Ham Loaves. We will be asking for members to bring either an appetizer, side dish or dessert that is a favorite from years past. A recipe that your family shared whenever there was a church dinner. We have plenty of old church cookbooks to help with ideas! There will be a sign up sheet on the clipboard! Please join us for a fun evening as we progress from room to room within our church home! We finish the evening with dessert and carols!

Presbyterian Women Vendor Fair & Bake Sale

Sat. November 9TH 9 am - 2 pm

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homemade noodles * cheeseballs
soup mixes * fresh baked goods * breads
cookies by the pound





Seasonal Crafters and Décor
Handcrafted Items for yourself & your home

Teanie Gardens, Pallet Art, Created by Glory Photos, Cards,
Homespun Creations, Quilts of Valor

Vendors Include: *Thirty-One* *Mary Kay* *Norwex*
Pampered Chef *Poparazzi Jewlery*
Wink Natural *Usborne Books*

Lunch starts at 11:00 a.m.



****Thank you for supporting our Mission Work both locally and abroad.*