



First Presbyterian News

October 2020

401 Lincolnway East, Mishawaka, In. 46544

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DANIEL

As we are entering into the final quarter of the year 2020, may the peace of Christ be with you always.

Last September 6th, our church secretary Nancy reminded us about the "Suggestion Box" in the Sunday Insert. Again, thanks to Chuck for installing it before we stopped having live service around mid-March.

I think it was late August during a weekday morning. When our church staff was coming back to the office after seeing our new digital church sign, we saw a small twofold paper in the suggestion box.

We opened the box for the first time and read what it was written in the paper. It was a suggestion for a "Men's Bible Study". I really like the suggestion and want to get started it.

But before getting started the Bible study for men, it is necessary for men in our church to get together and select a purpose: "Why we need to do this Bible study". Without setting and knowing a clear purpose of the Bible study, this can quickly turn into social gathering. One of the reasons for the Bible study is to glorify God by helping people find their true purpose and experience fellowship with other believers.

Then, where should we begin?

While we have ongoing various activities for women in our church, there is no ongoing activity for men. I heard from one of our church members that we used to have men's breakfast in the past. I think resuming this special fellowship "Men's Breakfast" can be a good starting point for a men's Bible study group.

However, for safety and health concern of our members due to ongoing COVID-19, I would like to wait a little bit longer for the men's breakfast until things get better. In the meantime, please feel free to share any of your thoughts, comments or ideas with me about men's Bible study group. Also, if you are interested in helping organize our first "Men's Breakfast", please let me know because I really need your help.

Finally, if you have any other suggestion that your pastor needs to know, please don't hesitate to fill out your ideas in the box! I will listen to your voice.

Blessings,

Pastor Daniel

Presbyterian Women at First Presbyterian Church, Mishawaka



2020 Annual Community Support Spotlight - Each charity received \$200.

-St. Margaret's house stmargarethouse.org/

Located at 117 N. Lafayette Blvd., South Bend, St. Margaret's House opened their doors 30 years ago. They are a day center that welcomes women and children who live in economic poverty. They provide meals, address immediate needs, and offer assistance through programs. They work to break down barriers of isolation while discovering the unique talents and gifts of everyone who walk through our doors. There are many ways to help via donations or volunteer opportunities. Check out their website for current needs, hours and volunteer opportunities.

Upcoming Events

Bake Sale / Vendor Fair: We have 11 vendors so far and 3 new ones. Please "tag and share" our event in FB. Start thinking about all those delicious cookies, breads, pies, cakes and goodies you will make. Early October we will have pre-sale orders for Cheese balls and Noodles.

Work days: Oct 24 Saturday at 10 am Noodles
 Nov 11 6-8 pm Soup mixes and Cheese balls

The September Upper Room sale went very well, we have one more sale this calendar year, October 17. Please let friends know, we will have seasonal decor items and clothing for fall and winter. Know someone just starting out, we have many great items to get them started.

A Thank-You

We would like to thank the congregation for all the cards, prayers, kinds words and support leading up to and following the death of Gordon. We are very blessed to be a part of the this congregation! Thank you to Daniel for a lovely service and to Presbyterian Women and a few men for a wonderful lunch!
 Rose Marie Reif & Judy Green

Prayer Chain and Prayer Shawls

Prayer Chain: One of Presbyterian Women's stated purpose is to "Support our faith through prayer and Bible Study". One way we support prayer at FPC is through the Prayer Chain. This has been in use for many years. When I first came to Mishawaka, it was through a telephone tree. This was a wonderful way we had to keep in touch with all our members. Marion Darr use to call me and I passed the message on to Judith Schulte. A wonderful time to receive the message and have a little chat with these wonderful saints. But like so many things, it changed with technology. Request for Prayers is easy. We only ask for a who, what and how long. You may call or text any of our prayer chain team: Lynett Heritz, Pam Camren and myself. Or even call or email the office. These requests are always included in Pastor Daniel's Prayers of the People on Sunday. If you would like to be part of the chain, the process is still the same. Contact a team member or call the church office.

*"Pray without ceasing."
 1 Thessalonians 5:17*

Attention Knitters or Crocheters: We are again in need of Prayer Shawls. So dust off your needles and crochet hooks and click away! If you need a pattern, we have a book with lots of great patterns.

CHURCH STAFF

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Custodian John McLean

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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 11 am

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MAC Mishawaka Alliance of Care

MAC Food Pantry – submitted by Janet Freeman

NEWS FROM THE MAC

The MAC Food Pantry continues to serve the community:

The Pantry continues to follow the plan set up due to the Coronavirus.

Statistics for August: 152 families; 643 individuals; 31 new families with over 9700 pounds distributed

As to the most needed donations at this time: cereal, Hamburger Helper, canned tuna, shampoo and dish soap.

The grocery cart in the CE Lobby will welcome any donations.

We recently held a called meeting for the Board to discuss the truck, Sadly, the truck has made its final run and will now be retired.

Church Officers and Committees

Session: Angela Bellinger, Lynett Heritz, Greg Phillips, Darlene Seufert, Chris Wukovits

Board of Deacons:

Carole Polk Moderator, Bill Bellairs, Tom Camren, Dick Dentino, Pam Martz, Teresa Primmer

Facilities and Operations

Lynett Heritz, Chair

Book Club: Judy Green

Clerk of Session: Teresa Primmer

Christian Education: Chris Wukovits, Chair

Finance: Ron May, Chair

Mission and Evangelism:

Angela Bellinger, 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:

Darlene Seufert, Chair

Special Gifts Report

Sue Rice – Chair

Special Gifts are another opportunity to express our thanksgiving to God. The purpose of these gifts is to enhance the mission and ministry of the First Presbyterian Church of Mishawaka.

Memorial gifts are given in memory of deceased persons. Honorary gifts are given in recognition of living persons.

Special gifts can be designated or un-designated. It is the Special Gifts Committee's purpose to accept, administer and record gifts. Once a year, a list of funds used is published for the All Saints' Day remembrance bulletin.

Special Gifts committee reports to the session through the Finance Committee. Your Special Gifts committee; Anna Bowers, Mary Ann Dentino, Pat Harker and Sue Rice, Chair.

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2020 TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE



SEPTEMBER BRITTANY
 OCTOBER TERESA
 NOVEMBER MARY ANNE
 DECEMBER JUDY G./
 CAROLE

Worship and Music

Darlene Seufert – Chair

October really starts our busy season with special services, ending with Christmas and the New Year. We start October with World Wide Communion and the celebrating of our Risen Lord with Christians from North, South, East and West. November 1st is All Saints Day and the time we celebrate and remember those Saints that left us since last November. If you have any names of family or friends you would like to see remembered, please give that information to Nancy. You can email her or call the church office. As always I thank our Worship Team, our ushers and liturgists who help Pastor Daniel and his lovely wife Jae who has been so kind to play the piano during the services. I'd also like to give a shout-out to Lynett Heritz, Pam Camren and Judy Sulak who have also helped me set up or clean up communion since we went to using the cups and trays.

October Worship Team:

October 4th: Worship Leader - Ron May; ushers - Ethan DeMaegd and Dick Dentino

October 11th: Worship Leader - Judy Sulak; ushers - Carole Polk and Greg Phillips

October 18th: Worship Leader - Mary Watt; usher - Michael Green

October 25th: Worship Leader - Alan Camren; ushers - Dan Bruner and Ethan DeMaegd

We are in need of more ushers, and liturgist are always welcome to join our team. If you are interested, please let me or Nancy know. I'll be making out the schedule soon for 2021 and I'd love to add your name.

BLASTS FROM THE PAST

Looking through the church's Annual Report for the year 1942-1943, it is apparent that finances all those years ago were vastly different than in today's world! A few items of interest follow:

Disbursements from the budget that year included Victory Tax withheld from staff salaries and War Damage Insurance on the church, furniture and fixtures and manse, telephone and telegraph.

And this will really boggle some minds - because of the cold winter that year, the church replenished its coal supply (yes, that's right, COAL) that would carry it well into the following winter. How many of us remember heating with coal?? And the fun of having to shovel it into the coal chute??

Mention is made in this report of a Tuxis Club. Does anyone know what this was? The report said "This is one item in our church program that needs more attention." Evidently it never got the needed attention because it is no more....

RESTARTING BOOK STUDY**Christine Wukovits, CE chair**

At this point, we are going to start up the book study on October 21 and have it go through November 18. I am renaming the book study.....Give Up Something Bad for Advent! That works! We will review the first three chapters, finish the remaining chapters, and have a round table discussion about the Blessings of COVID 19. There has to be some good come out of all this craziness...right? We will continue to meet at 6:00 p.m., have a light supper together with social distancing, and conclude by 7:30. I will personally call everyone who signed up last March to confirm you are still interested in participating. Maybe we will have some new people join us as well. Everyone is welcome! You might even ask a friend who isn't a member of our church. There will be a sign up sheet on the CE lobby bulletin board.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

In this time of great need, we are seeking volunteers in groups of fewer than 15 people. Times needed are Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm, and Wednesdays and Thursday 8am-5:30pm. We have several ongoing projects suitable for one-time or reoccurring volunteers:

- Our pantry is open Monday and Friday from 9am-2pm, and Wednesdays from 11am-5pm. In this role, you may be checking in clients, packing boxes, or carrying boxes to clients' cars.
- Every Thursday from 2:30-5:30pm we host a bonus mobile distribution at our South Bend location. This is a contactless, drive-through distribution where clients are given prepackaged food.
- Every weekday, volunteers may assist with sorting food items, and packing boxes for our Food 4 Kids and Senior Nutrition programs.
- Every weekday during operating hours, volunteers may assist with cleaning the warehouse.
- Volunteers living outside of St. Joseph County may wish to assist with one of our mobile pantries in their home county.
- Please have interested parties contact me directly for more information on our Elkhart County mobile pantries, as dates and locations vary weekly.

These are just a few of our ongoing projects! We would be more than happy to take on any or all volunteers at this time. Feel free to contact me at any time with questions or concerns via email or phone.

Please be advised that **closed-toed shoes are mandatory** for volunteers. Additionally, **all volunteers must wear a cloth face covering or mask** due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

If interested, please contact:

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Together, we can solve hunger.



October 2020

**Worship 10 am
Fellowship at 11 am**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Upper Room work day 10 a.m. to noon
4 World Communion Sunday PW meeting— 11:15 a.m.	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 ..	12	13	14 Ruth Circle— 7:00 p.m. at Lynett’s	15	16	17 Mystery Quilts 10:00 a.m.
18 Book Club— 3:00 p.m.	19 Elizabeth Circle— 7:00 p.m. here Special Gifts meeting— 3:00	20	21 Book study/ supper— 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.	22	23	24 Bake Sale work day 10:00 a.m. to noon
25 Bag the noodles work day	26	27	28 Book study/ supper— 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.	29	30	31 Happy Halloween 

