

First Presbyterian News

February 2023

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First, I will begin with “Happy New Year FPC family and friends!

May this year, 2023, be an incredible part of your journey!

It’s a new year and a new beginning. As we start a new year, it is natural to set new year’s resolutions. What are your resolutions this year? Making resolutions is easy, but keeping them is hard. Why is it so hard to stick to them? It can be lack of time, lack of resources, lack of motivation, or loss of interest after starting. However, the most common reason we fail is that we easily give in to temptation.

After Jesus’ baptism, the Spirit of God led Jesus into the wilderness. For forty days and forty nights, Jesus fasted, prayed, and offered his whole life to God. By the end of those forty days and nights, he was famished and the tempter came and said to him,

“If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.”

But, Jesus answered him, using the book of Deuteronomy,

“It is written, one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” (Deuteronomy 8:3)

“By every word”. In Deuteronomy 8:3, this refers to God’s word of direction in the wilderness and God’s provision of manna. The Son of God will not abandon or betray his trust in God to provide for him. After the first temptation, Satan tries to tempt Jesus two more times. But Jesus replies to each of Satan’s temptations with reference to Scripture (Deuteronomy 6:16 for the second temptation, and Deuteronomy 6:13 for the third temptation). When Jesus was asked to prove his power and authority as the Son of God, he chose to obey God and live by God’s Word.

We give in to temptation because we lose our focus. The key to overcoming temptation is not to resist, but to change our focus. It begins with having our eyes fixed on godly direction. How can the strength Jesus exhibits and the words he speaks against all temptations help you to focus on the things that matter most in life?

This year, the season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22nd. It’s the 40-day period of repentance and renewal preceding Easter. We may consider Lent as “A Spiritual New Year”. As the season approaches, people set goals for what to give up and do for Lent.

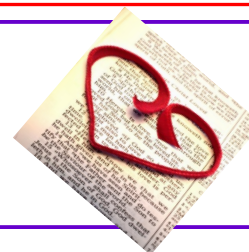
How are you going to observe Lent in your own life this year? What would you like to do this Lent to make it more meaningful for you and your family? Lent is a time for us to reflect and focus on what it means to be people of God and be Christians in the context of the lives God has given us. This is a journey that moves us toward the cross.

So, set your hearts and minds on things above, not on earthly things. Keep your focus on the cross of Christ, and on Jesus, the Incarnate Word, during this Lenten season.

Blessings, Pastor Daniel

“But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest is of these is love.”

(1 Corinthians 12:31, 13:13)



Presbyterian Women at First Presbyterian Church, Mishawaka



Presbyterian Women Circles

Each Circle meets once a month—Elizabeth is on the 3rd Monday of each month, contact Mary Ann Dentino for more details. Ruth is on the 3rd Thursday of each month, contact Teresa Primmer for more details. A list of dates and times can be found on the church bulletin board. If you find yourself free, you are very welcome to join us.

Potluck Info

NO potluck on February 12th after worship; we will reschedule at another time. There is a date change for the calendar meeting from June 7th to **May 24th** at Chris's house at 6 p.m.



Upper Room News

Currently we are NOT accepting donations for the Upper Room.

Around the holidays, we had some issues with the old pipes upstairs and had a water leak. They just finished fixing the problems, so we are still in the process of cleaning up and reorganizing the room. We hope to start accepting donations after we get everything cleaned and sorted. We have had to throw out items because of tears, stains, or missing pieces. Please remember that when you donate items, be sure to check them to make sure that they are in good working order and free of dirt, stains, or tears. Thank you for your continued support in helping to make the Upper Room the best it can be! The next work days are set for ***February 4th and 15th from 10 a.m. until Noon.*** If you have an hour to share, your helping hands will be put to work. Thank you!

Thank you for your most recent donations to the M.A.C. Food Pantry cart—I took a trunk full of food over this week. With Mishawaka Food Pantry having to temporarily close, Albright has seen an influx of customers the last 2 months, almost doubling their normal numbers. Carole Polk

Staple products:

Cereal, Soup, Canned Vegetables and Fruit, Pasta, and easy to cook foods are the best donations. Pop-top cans and foods that don't have to be cooked are also appreciated for those that do not have a kitchen. I deliver the food the 3rd Tuesday of the month, so nothing perishable and please watch for expiration dates.

**MAC Mishawaka
Alliance of Care**



Feeding the Community

Soup-R-Bowl

Sunday, February 12th, will be Soup-R-Bowl Sunday at First Presbyterian Church Mishawaka. We will be filling the cart and box for the Mishawaka Food Pantry and MAC Food Pantry with canned soup and non perishable items to make soup, such as: canned vegetables, canned kidney beans, tomatoes, rice, barley, small pasta, noodles, and dried beans, and anything else for soup.

Thank you in advance for your contributions. Mission Committee



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Church Officers and Committees

Session:

Clerk of Session: Teresa Primmer
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Worship and Music: Judy Sulak

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Moderator: Lynett Heritz
 Bill Bellairs, Angela Bellinger, Jenn Frey,
 Teresa Primmer, Jim Stanz

Book Club: Judy Green

Newsletter: Katie Robertson

Prayer Chain: Lynett Heritz

PW: Moderators—Chris Wukovits and
 Judy Green

Special Gifts: Sue Rice

Book Club

Book Club: **February 19th** at 3:00 p.m is *Madly, Deeply: The Diaries of Alan Rickman*. Host, Judy Green. Leader, Judy Green



Book Club: **March 26th** at 3:00 p.m. is *Mad Honey* by Jodi Piccoult. Host, Lynett. Leader, Dyan Phillips

Thanks, Judy Green

Worship & Music



Greetings from worship and music,
 We hope everyone had a safe and joyous new year. January is a month of reflection on where we have been in our physical and spiritual lives, and where we want to be. Goals are set—some are broken and some are made as we travel through 2023. With God’s guidance and help from fellow Christians, we will make 2023 a year full of renewed faith, love, and grace. We welcome a new member to the worship and music team—Janel Cook—who will be working with the communion team. We now have an audio/visual team as well. We are looking for one or two people to learn how to use the audio/visual equipment. David Sulak heads this new team. Contact

Worship and music committee chair, Judy Sulak

TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE

February... Judy S.
March... Pam M.

Prayer Chain

If you are interested in joining our Prayer Warriors, please send an email to either Darlene Seufert at dseufert1@aol.com or Lynett Heritz at lynettheritz@gamil.com



The Mitten Tree

The Mitten Tree collected 24 hats, 11 scarves, and 7 pairs of gloves. They are being delivered to Battell School.



Love|

Love is a special relationship between two people caring for each other. Love is also caring for people in the hospital sick or dying. People love dogs, cats, and other animals but sometimes people yell at each other but still love each other. People love grandma’s and grandpa’s or even dead people because dead people can still be in your heart at all times. Love is a chain of feelings wrapped around you and never lets go. Love is always with you no matter where you are.

By Jay D. Primmer, Grade 6



Worship 10 am



February



Fellowship 11 am

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Upper Room work day 10 a.m.—Noon QoV National Sew Day 9 a.m.—5 p.m.
5 <i>Communion</i> Greeter... Usher...Ethan DeMaegd W.L. Chris Wukovits PW Meeting after worship	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Guest Pastor... David Abbott Greeter... Usher...Carole Polk, Greg Phillips W.L. Chuck Wukovits Deacons meeting after worship	13	14 	15 Upper Room work day from 10 a.m.—Noon	16 Ruth Circle at 7 p.m.	17	18
19 <i>Transfiguration</i> Greeter... Usher...Ethan DeMaegd W.L. Mary Watt Worship & Music meeting after worship Book club at 3 p.m.	20 Elizabeth Circle at 7 p.m. <i>host</i> , Mary Ann <i>leader</i> , Pam Camren	21	22 <i>Communion</i> Ash Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Service Greeter... Usher...Michael Green W.L. Judy Sulak	23	24	25
26 <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i> Greeter... Usher... W.L. Alan Camren Session meeting after worship Cong. Mtg. after worship	27	28				

Please Send information for the March Newsletter to Katie Robertson by February 17th. fpcmishawaka@gmail.com Thank you!