

# First Presbyterian News

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We're already halfway through the year—it's like reaching halftime in a sports game! Soon, school will be out, and many families are getting ready to enjoy their summer vacation. This acts as their well-deserved halftime break before a new school year begins.

For kids and school teachers, summer acts as a much needed break in the middle of their school year. During the summer, some students go to summer school and some teachers keep teaching without a break. But, the summer season is shorter than the regular school year, giving everyone a chance to rest and relax.

In sports games, particularly in team sports like basketball, football, soccer, etc. the term "Half-Time" is commonly used. It represents the pause in the game when players and coaching staff have an opportunity to rest, regroup, and plan their next moves, in hopes that they will come back stronger and win the game.

Life is much like sports in that the ability to finish strong holds great importance. However, if we fall short in achieving a strong finish, what advantages can we derive from the significant accomplishments we made during the earlier stages of life (comparable to the first half of a game in sports)?

That's why it's important to take a break, like during summer vacation, to reflect and recharge. It's like a halftime break for all believers. During this break, we can think about our goals and make adjustments if necessary. Like finding a better way to get somewhere, we can also find a new path that makes us happier and feel more fulfilled. This will help us have a more enjoyable and meaningful journey in the later part of our lives.

**“But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run  
and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.” (Isaiah 40:31, *NRSV*)**

In this passage, the prophet, Isaiah, encourages us to patiently wait for the Lord. He assures us that as we place our trust and hope in God, our strength will be renewed. We are compared to eagles, soaring high with renewed vitality and strength. We are also promised that we will be able to run without growing weary and walk without feeling faint. This verse reminds us of the importance of relying on God's strength during times of rest and reflection, like a halftime break in life, so that we can continue our journey with perseverance and endurance.

Have you ever taken a break and reflected on your goals, leading you to make important adjustments or find a new path in life? How do you recharge and renew your energy? How can you inspire others to view halftime and moments of reflection as opportunities for growth and renewal?

Remember, halftime is not just a time to relax and rest—it's a great opportunity to have a special meeting with God, where we can think and talk about our game plan. We can look back on how we've been playing and make the necessary changes or improvements we need for the rest of the game.

Embrace halftime as a chance to connect with God and fine-tune your game plan. With the Holy Spirit as your guide, you can make the necessary adjustments to achieve victory in the second half. Trust in God's strength and keep pressing forward. The best is yet to come.

Wishing you a safe and joyful summer!

Blessings, Pastor Daniel



## Presbyterian Women at First Presbyterian Church, Mishawaka



### PW Aprons

We are featuring “Three Wise Women” aprons at our November Bake Sale and would like to give our congregation a chance to pre-order them. They are really cute and would make a wonderful gift for the women in your life. They come in red or green, and you can also add a PW cookbook as a bonus! Aprons alone are \$20 or \$25 with a cookbook.

Sign up during Fellowship, stating how many aprons you want, what color, and if you want a cookbook. The sign-up in fellowship will be until June 25th. You can also email Chris Wukovits at [clwuko@sbcglobal.net](mailto:clwuko@sbcglobal.net) or call 574-256-2416 at any time.



They are available now for pick-up or at the November Bake Sale.

### Aprons say:

*“Three Wise Women would have asked directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, brought practical gifts, cleaned the stable, made a casserole, and there would have been Peace On Earth.”*



### Upper Room News

We are accepting items for the Upper Room Sale.

**Our Upper Room sales are a big success and now we need more stuff, so we are accepting items for the upper room sale!! Please remember that when you donate items, be sure to check them to make sure that they are clean and damage free. Alas, we still do not have room for any electronics.**

We always have a need for books and puzzles! It's helpful if you leave your name with items that you are donating—We have found items that need to be returned to the owners because of sentimental reasons or gift cards, credit cards, keys, and money have been left behind. If you have any questions, please reach out to Darlene Seufert, Lynett Heritz, or Teresa Primmer. Thank you for your continued support in helping to make the Upper Room the best it can be! The next work day and pop up sale is set for **June 21st from 9 a.m. until Noon**. If you have an hour to share, your helping hands will be put to work.

Let's not forget to add food to the shopping cart for MAC and Food Pantries

**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. Nothing perishable and please watch for expiration dates.

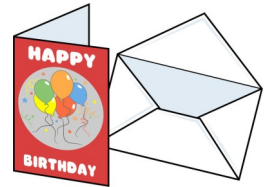


**Feeding the Community**

**MAC Mishawaka Alliance of Care**

**Deacons Corner**

The Deacons are looking to extend our Card Ministry for Birthdays for the entire congregation. We would like to have you send your date of birth (Month and Day) to our church secretary so that the Deacons can send a birthday card for your special day. Katie's email address is: [fpcmishawaka@gmail.com](mailto:fpcmishawaka@gmail.com) or you can call her at: 574.259.7874



**Church Picnic**

Mark your calendars for our Church Picnic, which will be August 20th 2023. Details to follow!



Church School has started for our 3 to 8 year olds; we meet in the Sunday School Room for 20 to 25 minutes. We're using the Year's Worth of Children's Church. We will end after Pentecost and continue in September.

**This summer we are opening the Toddler Room for two hours on Tuesdays for the children to come and play.** The hours will be from 10 a.m. until Noon. We will provide a snack and a couple planned activities.

Our goal is to give our children some socialization time. Parents are welcome to stay or go out for coffee. We are looking for members to help with staffing this time.



**Look for Sign up sheets on the bulletin boards**

- Looking for young members to sign up as Acolytes on Sunday Morning.
- Asking members to help staff the Tuesday morning playtime in the Toddler Room.

Church Staff

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

**Pastor hours:** Tuesday thru Thursday 9 to noon

**Secretary hours:** Tuesday thru Friday 9 to noon

**Financial Secretary hours:** Monday & Thursday 9 to noon

**Custodian hours:** Monday thru Friday 7 to noon

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**Church Officers and Committees**

**Session:**

*Clerk of Session:* Teresa Primmer

*Christian Education:* Darlene Seufert

*Facilities/Operations:* Chuck Wukovits

*Finance:* John Rice, treasurer

*Mission:* Mary Ann Dentino

*Personnel:* Mary Watt

*Worship and Music:* Judy Sulak

**Board of Deacons:**

*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

**Worship & Music**

We wish you all a blessed summer. May you enjoy the nice weather and have to time to fellowship with family and friends.



Blessings to all!

Worship & Music team

**welcome**

A big welcome to our summer organist—Mike Mittleman.



**TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE**

June... Judy G./Carole

July... Dyan

**Please Send**

**information for the**

**August Newsletter**

**to Katie Robertson by**

**July 17th.**

**[fpcmishawaka@gmail.com](mailto:fpcmishawaka@gmail.com)**

**Thank you!**

Wishing you a blessed summer!

My presence will go with you,  
and I will give you rest.



EXODUS 33:14



## June & July Calendar



### Sundays

#### **June 4th** *Communion*

John Rice, Worship Leader  
Ethan DeMaegd, Usher

#### **June 11th**

Dyan Phillips, Worship Leader  
Carole Polk & Greg Phillips, Ushers

#### **June 18th**

Judy Sulak, Worship Leader  
Michael Green, Usher

#### **June 25th**

Darlene Seufert, Worship Leader  
Ryan Frey, Usher  
*Session Meeting after worship*

#### **July 2nd** *Communion*

Pam Camren, Worship Leader  
Ethan DeMaegd, Usher

#### **July 9th**

Alan Camren, Worship Leader  
Carole Polk & Greg Phillips, Ushers

#### **July 16th**

Chris Wukovits, Worship Leader  
Michael Green, Usher

#### **July 23**

Chuck Wukovits, Worship Leader  
Ryan Frey, Usher

#### **July 30**

John Rice, Worship Leader  
Bill Bellairs, Usher

### Other days of the week

*Saturday June 3rd* Upper Room Sale 9 a.m.— 1 p.m.

*Tuesday June 6th* Toddler Room 10 a.m.—Noon

*Tuesday June 13th* Toddler Room 10 a.m.—Noon

*Tuesday June 20th* Toddler Room 10 a.m.—Noon

*Wednesday June 21st* Upper Room workday/pop up sale from  
10 a.m.—Noon

*Sunday July 2nd* Central Park in Mishawaka—Music, vendors,  
arts & crafts from 3 p.m.—dusk, followed  
by fireworks.

*Tuesday July 4th* **4th of July**



*Friday July 21st* South Bend Cubs Game

