

First Presbyterian News
March 2023
 401 Lincolnway East
 Mishawaka, IN. 46544

During the second week of February, my family and I took a 6-day, 5-night trip to Fort Lauderdale. For the first three days of our trip, we spent time together enjoying the warm and breezy February weather in Florida. Since Jae had a conference to attend, I took care of our 15-month old baby, Gabie, for the rest of the trip. On Jae’s first day of the conference, she suggested that it would be convenient for me to handle Gabie if I were to utilize a food delivery service, like Uber Eats, and dine in the hotel room instead of going out for lunch. Although I knew Jae was right, I decided to take a chance and do something I had never done—go out for lunch with my daughter. I secured Gabie in her stroller and ensured that I had all the necessary items with me.

Upon leaving the hotel, I realized that I had forgotten my phone in our hotel room. After a moment of hesitation, I decided against returning to the room for my phone because I didn’t need it since Jae was in the middle of a conference and I wasn’t expecting any important phone calls. Also, I didn’t want to waste my time going back to the room and Gabie might become fussy or irritable if we were out for too long. Above all, I wanted to cherish the moment with my daughter and didn’t want my phone to interrupt our special time together. After spending uninterrupted quality time with Gabie, I felt deeply content with my decision.

As I reflected on this experience, it dawned on me that this is also what we can do during the Lenten season:
immerse ourselves in the presence of God.

Perhaps the key to a fruitful Lenten season lies in abstaining from digital distractions such as email, online shopping, streaming video, social media, or abstaining from your favorite treat, such as desserts, coffee, or meat. By abstaining from digital distractions and favorite treats, we may find ourselves better able to focus on our spiritual goals and create a more profound experience during our journey to the Cross with Christ.

With one month left, until Easter, how do you intend to enhance your spiritual connection with God during Lent?

“Instead, fully immerse yourselves into the Lord Jesus, the Anointed One, and don’t waste even a moment’s thought on your former identity to awaken its selfish desires.”
(The Passion Translation, Rom. 13-14)

Blessings, Pastor Daniel



Joan Horvath got a new TV. If anyone would like her hand-me-down, it is free. Otherwise, John will recycle it in April. It will be located in the Crib Room.



Presbyterian Women at First Presbyterian Church, Mishawaka



Presbyterian Women Circles

Usually circles meet once a month at separate times and places, but twice a year we join for a joint meeting.

Joint Circle Meeting: March 18th at 10 a.m. with carry in brunch

Anyone wishing to come and share in the friendship may come or join us for the rest of this year's study.

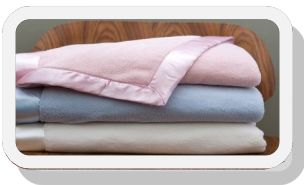
Each Circle meets once a month—Elizabeth is on the 3rd Monday of each month, contact Mary Ann Dentino for more details. Ruth is on the 3rd Thursday of each month, contact Teresa Primmer for more details. A list of dates and times can be found on the church bulletin board. If you find yourself free, you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

Date Change

There is a date change for the PWCT coordinating team calendar meeting from June 7th to **May 24th** at Chris's house at 6 p.m.

Baby Bundle Blankets

We are in need of heavier baby blankets for our Baby Bundles. If you see any bargains, please consider donating a blanket. Make sure they are in good shape with no stains. Smaller ones are great for our preemie babies.



Upper Room News

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 *March 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!

SOCKS NEEDED

SOCKS will be collected during the month of March. They can be new or gently used, men's, women's or children's socks. The red tub will be placed in the CE lobby for collecting these socks. All socks will be taken to Broadway Christian Parish.



Thank you in advance for your help.

Mission Committee.

The church has ownership of two burial plots at Fairview Cemetery in Mishawaka, on the Northwest corner of Jefferson and Main streets. They were donated years ago by the Strome family. The finance committee is seeking to find a new owner. Suggestions are welcome and can be made to Treasurer John Rice.

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**

Church Staff

Pastor Daniel Cho
vision80cho@gmail.com
Office Manager Katie Robertson
fpcmishawaka@gmail.com
Financial Secretary Joan Horvath
joanfpcmishawaka@gmail.com
Custodian John McLean
jmmclean52@gmail.com

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
Contact us at (574) 259-7874 or fpcmishawaka@gmail.com
MAIL ADDRESS: First Presbyterian Church-Mishawaka
P.O. Box 744 Mishawaka, Indiana 46546

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

Book Club

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



Book Club: **April 16th** at 3:00 p.m. is TBA

Thanks, Judy Green

Worship & Music



Greetings from worship and music,
Spring, the season in which God’s many gifts—warmer weather and
flowers—appear, is just around the corner.
The first Sunday of Lent was February 26th. Lent is the time we reflect on our
strengths and weaknesses, a time for reflection and change as well as renewal.

Some upcoming dates:

March 3rd is World day of prayer

Fun FYI: Mr. Rogers day is March 20th. - Take time to visit your neighbors
that day in honor of Mr. Rogers.

We hope and pray you all enjoy the gifts God has blessed you with.

Blessings to all!

Worship & Music team

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 lynetheritz@gamil.com



TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE

March... Pam M.

April... Angela

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

Holy Trinity by Faith Lohr

*“God the Father gives us love, and sits in heaven up above.
Jesus His son died for me, on the cross He set me free.
The Holy Spirit is our guide, and helps us in God’s Word
abide.
The shamrock has three leaves you see,
Just like the Holy Trinity!”*



Worship 10 am



March



Fellowship 11 am

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Upper Room workday 10-Noon
5 2nd Sunday in Lent <i>Communion</i> Greeter... Usher...Ethan DeMaegd W.L. John Rice	6	7	8	9	10 QoV 9-2	11 Don't forget to change your clocks tonight 
12 3rd Sunday in Lent Greeter... Usher...Carole Polk, Greg Phillips W.L. Dyan Phillips Deacons meeting after worship *Daylight Saving time begins	13	14	15 Upper Room work day from 10 a.m.—Noon	16	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day! 	18 PWCT Mtg 9 a.m. Joint Circle Mtg & with Carry in Brunch at 10 a.m.
19 4th Sunday in Lent Greeter... Usher...Michael Green W.L. Pam Camren Worship & Music meeting after worship	20 Mr. Rogers Day 	21	22	23	24	25
26 5th Sunday of Lent Greeter... Usher...Neil Seufert W.L. Chris Wukovits Session meeting after worship Book club 3 p.m. at Lynett Heritz's	27	28	29	30	31 Upper Room Sale 9-1 <i>(2-day sale)</i>	1 Upper Room Sale 9-1