

# First Presbyterian News

August 2023

401 Lincolnway East

Mishawaka, IN. 46544

**“Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.” - Ephesians 6:18**

The Apostle, Paul, provides three key principles for establishing a strong foundation in our prayer lives: relying on the guidance of the Holy Spirit, engaging in various types of prayer, and showing unwavering dedication to praying for fellow believers. For Paul, it’s important to pray because it helps counter and weaken the forces of darkness. As he mentions in the previous verse (Ephesians 6:12), our struggle is **not against enemies of blood and flesh** but against spiritual powers of evil in the heavenly places.

How does our understanding that our struggle is against spiritual forces impact our perspective on prayer and the importance of praying for fellow believers?

In life, there are many things we can’t control, such as unexpected illness or the unpredictability of severe weather. These situations can often catch us off guard, highlighting the unpredictable nature of life. When seeking a job, our efforts matter, but being hired depends on factors like job availability and qualifications.

As we navigate life’s twists and turns, it becomes evident that what we expect is not always what we receive. This reality invites us to pause and contemplate the profound role of prayer in these moments of unpredictability.

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel (1907-1972) quotes:

**“Prayer is our attachment of the utmost. Without God in sight, we are like the scattered rungs of a broken ladder. To pray is to become a ladder on which thoughts mount to God; to join the movement toward Him which surges unnoticed throughout the entire universe. We do not step out of the world when we pray; we merely see the world in a different setting...In prayer we shift the center of living from self-consciousness to self-surrender. God is the center toward which all forces tend. He is the source, and we are the flowing of His force, the ebb and flow of His tides.”**

How can we personally deepen our connection with God through prayer, shifting our focus from self-consciousness to self-surrender?

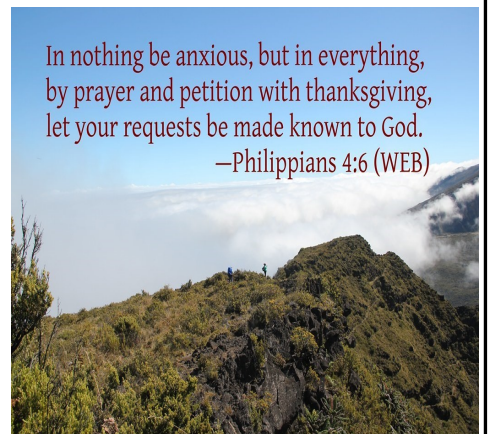
Entrusting ourselves to God through prayer is the ultimate expression of faith, demonstrating our complete reliance on the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

**“Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” - Philippians 4:6-7**

How does the practice of bringing all our concerns to God in prayer impact our daily lives and the way we handle challenges? Can we envision a life where prayer and supplication become our natural response to life’s ups and downs, leading to a deep and abiding sense of peace?

Blessings, Pastor Daniel

In nothing be anxious, but in everything,  
by prayer and petition with thanksgiving,  
let your requests be made known to God.  
—Philippians 4:6 (WEB)



## 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, Ruth is on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Circles meet at 7 p.m.

A list of dates and times can be found on the church bulletin board. If you find yourself free, you are welcome to join us.

### Dedication Sunday—October 15th

On this Sunday, we bless our “projects” we have been working on (baby bundles, knitting projects, purse project, etc.) during worship. We also take up our Presbyterian Women Thank Offering. The Thank Offering is one of Presbyterian Women’s two offerings. Received in the fall each year, it gives women a tangible way to express their gratitude for the special blessings in their lives. At least 40% of the offering funds health ministries. Thank Offering grants range from \$5,000 to \$50,000. Envelopes and information on the 2023 Grant winners will be available at fellowship that day.

### Vendor/Bake Sale

Our vendor spots are filled, flyers have been made and are available electronically (contact Carole P.), and we have a few small versions available in the building. Our first work day for Noodle making is October 28th at 10 a.m.!! The next work night for Cheese balls and soup mixes is November 7th from 6-8 p.m.

If anyone has questions about what to make or quantities, just reach out to Judy Green. All the ladies and some of the men have made wonderful and delicious contributions to help make our sale a success. We will be looking for strong people to help set up tables the Sunday before—November 5th after worship.

Happy baking to all!! Yard signs for some of you in high traffic locations will be handed out October 28th and 29th.

Judy Green and Carole Poklinkowski



### Upper Room News

We are accepting items for the Upper Room.

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.

Thank you for your continued support in helping to make the Upper Room the best it can be! The next work day is set for **October 7th from 10 a.m. until Noon**. If you have an hour to share, your helping hands will be put to work. Thank you!

Presbyterian Women  
**Vendor Fair & Bake Sale**

Sat. November 11<sup>TH</sup> 9 am - 2 pm

First Presbyterian Church Mishawaka  
 401 Lincolnway East (Enter East door)

homemade noodles \* cheeseballs \*  
 beef sticks \* soup mixes \* fresh baked goods  
 Cookies by the pound



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Seasonal Crafters and Décor

Handcrafted Items for yourself & your home  
 Direct Sale Vendors

\* Homespun Treasures \* Fairy Gardens\* Crafts in a  
 Flash\* Handmade Wooden items\* TopCoat Creations \* Quilted &  
 Knitted items \*Christmas and Winter décor \* Collectables \*  
 Wreaths \* Jewelry\* Mary Kay \* Norwex \* Winks Well  
 \* Color Street Nails \* Scentsy

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*Bake Sale is cash only. Some vendors MAY accept CC*



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

Let's not forget to add food to the shopping cart for MAC and Food Pantries. Generally, donations decrease during the summer months, but the USDA donations have also decreased, and some items they are not able to purchase at the Food Bank. This means paying more at stores.

**Staple products:**

Cereal, Soup, Canned Vegetables and Fruit, Pasta, Canned beans, and easy to cook foods are the best donations. Jello is also a hard to get product. But all donations are appreciated, including toiletry items. They are feeding 60-75 families.

\*Nothing perishable and please watch for expiration dates.



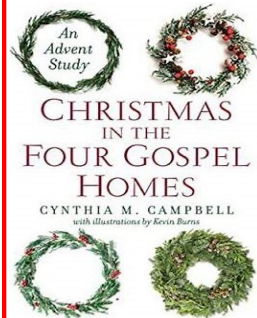
**MAC Mishawaka  
Alliance of Care**

**Christian Education**

Confirmation classes are wrapping up this month and we want to give a huge *thank you* to Pastor Daniel Cho, Carole Polk, Pam Camren, and Darlene Seufert who led the class. We also want to thank the mentors—Pam Camren, Darlene Seufert, Jae Cho, and Judy Green.

The four young ladies going through the confirmation class will meet with Session September 24th and will join the church in October.

Sunday School starts this month beginning at 10:00 a.m. and giving an emphasis to the Bible, praying, fellowship, and using Jesus as a guide in everyday activities.



Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes is the Advent book study which will be on the following Wednesdays: November 15th, 29th, December 6th, and 13th at 6:15 until 7:15. The books are on the CE desk and the cost is \$5.00 with CE paying half the cost. Look for a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

**Needs for Battell**  
The school now provides school supplies for the students. Therefore, we no longer need to collect them. However, the school has another need for the students. They need sweatpants and leggings in sizes 6x, 7, 8, and 10. There will be a container in the CE lobby for collection. Thank you for your contributions.  
  
Mission Committee

**Peace Making Offering**  
The Peacemaking Offering will be collected on the first Sunday in October, October 1st, the same day as World Wide Communion. This gift helps promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. 25% of the offering is kept by our congregation to be used to promote peace in our community. Thank you in advance for your gift.  
  
Mission Committee

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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;  
**June-September:** Tuesday 9-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

**Book Club**

Book Club: **October 15th** at 2:00 p.m is *West With Giraffes*  
Host, Dyan Phillips. Leader, Judy G/



Book Club: **November 19th** at 2:00 p.m. is *Katie Porter I Swear Politics is Messier Than My Minivan*  
Host, Judy G. Leader, Teresa P.

Thanks, Judy Green

**Worship & Music**

Greetings from worship and music,



Blessings to all!

Worship & Music team

**TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE**

October... Teresa/Lynett

November... Mary Ann

**Please Send information for the November Newsletter to Katie Robertson by October 17th. [fpcmishawaka@gmail.com](mailto:fpcmishawaka@gmail.com) Thank you!**



Worship 10 am



# October



Fellowship 11 am

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 <i>Communion (World Communion Sunday)</i> Greeter.. Usher..Ethan DeMaegd W.L. John Rice PW Meeting after worship</p>	<p>2  National Custodial Worker's Recognition Day </p>	3	<p>4 National Taco Day </p>	5	<p>6 World Smile Day </p>	<p>7 Upper Room workday 10-Noon</p>
<p>8 Greeter.. Usher.. Carole Polk, Greg Phillips W.L. Lynett Heritz</p>	9	10	11	12	13	<p>14 QoV 9-2</p>
<p>15 <i>Dedication Sunday</i> Greeter.. Usher..Michael Green W.L. Judy Green QoV Celebration W &amp; M Meeting after worship <b>Book Club 2 p.m.</b></p>	16	17	18	19	20	<p>21 Upper Room Sale from 9 a.m. –1 p.m.</p>
<p>22 Greeter.. Usher..Ryan Frey W.L. Mary Watt  Session Meeting after worship</p>	23	24	25	26	27	<p>28 Bake Sale workday 10-Noon </p>
<p>29 Greeter.. Usher..Bill Bellairs W.L. Chris Wukovits</p>	30	<p>31 <b>Happy Halloween</b> </p>	<p>* Trick-or-treating <b>5-7 p.m.</b></p>			