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MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER



Presbyterian Women will meet at the Cranberry Cottage on Wednesday, April 12th at 10:30 a.m. We will not have a lesson but we will have a short meeting. Following the meeting everyone is encouraged to stay and order lunch and enjoy the fellowship. Mark your calendars!

Presbyterian Women will be holding another rummage sale on October 19 & 20. Please start saving your items now. If you don't have a place to store your items until October we are designating a room in the basement of the church to store the items as long as it is not big furniture!



We are getting low on items for our "Free Little Pantry" again. We are asking for your assistance in providing non-perishable items to help restock our supply. Items such as **canned foods (soups, beans, tuna, chicken), peanut butter, rice, granola bars, dry pasta, crackers, cereals, baby food, boxed foods (mac and cheese, hamburger/tuna helpers), staples (flour, sugar, salt), hygiene products (soap of any kind, tooth paste, shampoo, feminine products, diapers), or paper products (toilet paper, paper towels).** You may bring items to the church office anytime. Thank you!



We have the following dates open if you are interested in providing flowers for morning worship. **JUNE: 18, OCTOBER: 15 and DECEMBER: 10, 17, 31.**

The total cost is \$30.00 for two vases of flowers. Call the church office if you are interested. **Just a reminder to please return the green liner if you take the flowers home with you. These liners are re-used by the florist and we only have a certain number of them.**

HELPING WITH OUR WORSHIP FOR THE MONTH OF MAY:

USHERS:

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| 7: | Mark Bassett & Joe Dick | 21: | Stan & Mary Wilson |
| 14: | Jim & Julia Nixon | 28: | David & Veronique Poudrier |
| 15: | Susan Buttermore & Jan Nagel | | |

LITURGIST: Peg Yoder **GIVING FLOWERS:** Phyllis Buttermore, Norm & Peg Yoder, Hilda Kennedy, and Vinnie & Barbara Pietracatella
COMMUNION: May 28. (need servers)

USHERS and LITURGIST NEEDED FOR WORSHIP!

Worship is taking place in the Biblical Garden beginning in June and will continue through the end of July for sure, possibly even into August depending on the weather. After the summer months we will be in need of liturgist and ushers again when we return back to the sanctuary. Anyone interested in being a liturgist or ushering please call the church office or talk to Pastor David. Thank you!

INSTRUMENTALIST NEEDED FOR SUMMER WORSHIP

Instrumentalists...This is an invitation for you to join an instrumental group at APC to play for the worship services. It would be my hope that you would be playing your instrument for congregational singing and the special music at least one time per month while we are in the Garden. I have music written in the proper key for each instrument.

Please see me Sunday or the next time you are at church for a book with your music in it. Also I have made up an attendance sheet which I will give you when you get your music. If you will mark on the attendance sheet the Sundays you expect to be present or absent that would be very helpful as that record will be used to determine which weeks the most instrumentalist will be present to play.

Sunday Garden dates listed below:

MAY 7____, 14____, 21____, 28____	JUNE 4____, 11____, 18____, 25____
JULY 2____, 9____, 16____, 23____, 30____	AUGUST 6____, 13____, 20____, 27____
(weather permitting) SEPTEMBER 3____, 10____, 17____, 24____,	

You may also use this chart above to let me know your availability to play your instrument during the summer months in the garden. Y= Yes you expect to be available to play on that date. N= No you have other plans for that day.

It would be my hope that we could have a time to get together to go through all the music. There is about 20 congregational songs in the garden hymnal that we can use and I've included instrumentation for some special music selections as well. Please share your suggestions of when would be a good time in your schedule to meet to go through the music. Sunday following the worship service, Sunday afternoon, Monday - Thursday in the evening. I would expect this rehearsal to be a onetime rehearsal with a Sunday morning rehearsal starting about 9:00 AM the day we play in the garden.

I hope you will all be willing to be a part of this group. I'm looking forward to working with all of you.

"THANK YOU" TO THE MEN WHO PROVIDED A BREAKFAST ON EASTER SUNDAY

Everyone enjoyed the food (pancakes, bacon and fruit) and Fellowship. It was a great way to begin Easter Sunday.



DEKALB COUNTY'S NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER RALLY

DeKalb County's National Day of Prayer Rally will take place on Thursday, May 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Kruze Plaza, I-69, Exit 326, West on 11A. The speaker will be Andrew Foster, CEO and founder of Inspiration Ministries and the Music provided will be ENCORE from Garrett High School Show Choir. This is a free event.

2023 Smock Senior Ministries Programs - NE Indiana Cluster

Six (6) NE Indiana Presbyterian congregations form the “*cluster*” and would invite participation in the following programs planned for 2023:

Thursday, June 15th, Garden Quilt Tour, Elkhart County, lunch at Das Dutchman Essenhaus, Middlebury, IN. \$15.00 each participant. Rev. Tom Smith will coordinate.

Thursday, July 20th, 2:00 p.m., “*Jesus Christ Superstar*,” Wagon Wheel, Warsaw, IN, dinner following the performance. Rev. Ken Weaver will coordinate.

Thursday, August 10th, Sweet Breeze Boat Ride, Fort Wayne, IN. Boxed lunch on boat. Rev. Dave Lawrence will coordinate.

Wednesday, September 6th, Shopping/Flea Market, Shipshewana, IN, lunch at Blue Gate. Elders Nancy Feagler and Mary Wilmore will coordinate.

Thursday, October 5th, The Toledo Art Museum, Toledo, OH. Bag lunch on bus, dinner at Caruso’s in Angola, IN following. Rev. Tom Smith will coordinate.

Thursday, November 9th, Coppes Commons Shopping, Nappanee, IN, lunch at Coppes. Rev. Ken Weaver will coordinate.

More details for each program will be provided. Please look over this schedule and pass along your interest to your pastor so we can make adequate preparations so that a good time may be had by all!

Thursday, June 15, 2023: Quilt Garden Tour, Day Trip



Join us Thursday, June 15th for a day trip to Das Dutchman Essenhaus in Middlebury, IN to see its gigantic, almost 3,000 square foot quilt inspired garden. The day includes stops at various quilt gardens along the way, ending with lunch and shopping at Das Dutchman Essenhaus.

Six (6) congregations are participating and we hope to fill two (2) buses, each bus holds fourteen (14) passengers and has one (1) driver. There will be an Auburn/Garrett bus and a Chapel/LaGrange bus. If needed, we will secure an additional bus. The buses will leave from Garrett and Chapel at 9:00 am respectively and pick up at Auburn and LaGrange on the way. Expect to be back about 3:00 p.m.

Cost for participants is **\$15.00** each, which includes bus trip, lunch and possible buggy ride at Das Essenhaus if weather permits. Sign up deadline is June 11th.

Brothers and Sisters:

This week I was emailing some friends of mine in Mexico. A few years ago I regularly traveled to Mexico two or three times a year in service of the church. My presbytery had a relationship with a presbytery in Mexico, the church I was serving had a sister relationship with a church in Nuevo Leon Presbytery, and we would go there every year for mission work. I was shaped by that ministry and value those memories, however, things changed.

I know that APC has ties with Roca Firme Church in Mexico and that mission was very influential for some members of our congregation. Some of you traveled there several times and speak lovingly about the experiences. John and Linda worked to keep that relationship in the forefront and encouraged our congregation in that direction, but things changed.

On a larger scale, our denominations, the PC(USA) and the NPCM have dissolved formal relations. While the Auburn congregation still values our relationship with Roca Firme, life has intruded. We got older and our abilities and responsibilities have evolved. The Auburn church moved away from the mission to Mexico as I have.

Our Mission Committee is now directing us to different mission work that seems to fit better. As a congregation, we are participating in short-term mission work that has been well-received and effective. We collected over 50 school bags and just completed an enormous number of hygiene kits. On top of that, the Presbyterian Women put together “period packs” that are gender-specific kits for women. So many of you took part in this mission work! Today I took the collection of hygiene kits to Elkhart and dropped them off. The folks at Church World Service were impressed!

Another new mission for us is the Little Free Food Pantry. I was in my office yesterday afternoon and watched a steady flow of people come to our little pantry. It seems like stuff disappears as soon as we stock it. This great mission is staffed by just a few people and I think they would welcome some help. More than help filling the cupboard, I think we would appreciate the donation of food for the pantry. I wonder if some of us could make this a regular part of our shopping when we go to Krogers.

We did some great mission work abroad. Those were special experiences and relationships. We can look back on that work and consider it well done, but that’s not the end. We mourn the loss of what we used to do, but we have replaced it with work that’s just as valid. We continue to impact the world through Church World Services. We are touching our local community in new ways. Best of all, many people in the congregation are taking part in this mission work.

Well done,

Pastor David

Pictured to the right are the Church World Mission Project, **hygiene kits** that were completed. Thank you to everyone for your help and support for this mission.

