

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NEWSLETTER OCTOBER, 2017

October 2017

Pastor's Ponderings:

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart." (Jeremiah 29:11-13)

Together we can claim this promise God makes in scripture through the prophet Jeremiah for our First Presbyterian Church in Greenfield, Indiana in 2017. As many of you know our session meeting September 21st included guests from the Whitewater Valley Presbytery. Executive Presbyter, Alan Thames, and Shelly Wood, our liaison to the Committee on Ministry, came to help us seek out options for our future. Our declining membership and finances will require changes. The session meeting gave us new hope. Several options are possible and will need to be explored. We need to have open minds to consider new possibilities, seek our passion for ministry, seek out partners in our community, and explore denominational resources.

Talk of change in a church makes people fearful, but remember the first words that precede a new announcement from God in scripture are "Fear Not!" God is calling us to something new. I call each of you to pray daily for our church relying on God's provision for us. We must all seek guidance from the Holy Spirit and ponder what new

connections or partnerships are possible. We will be holding some conversations in the coming days, so please plan to join us when we have them scheduled.

I will be with you throughout this process. I have retired from the hospital laboratory as of October 1, 2017. Now I will be more flexible and more available to support our work together. I am excited to see what new things God is doing among us!

Please pray:

*Jesus, Immanuel,
God has given you all authority in heaven and on earth. You are head of our church and have called us to be your body on earth and at 1st Presbyterian Church in Greenfield. Our joy and mission are to follow you in your life-giving work. We believe you provide all that is necessary for our mission in our rapidly changing world. Jesus by your Word and Spirit you call, teach, and use your church as you will. Guide us as we seek your will for us. We entrust our community of faith to you alone. Thank you that you are Immanuel, God with us, always. Amen.*

In Christ,



Pastor Ann

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Offerings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Amount</u>
09/03	9	\$ 650.25
09/10	20	435.00
09/17	11	50.00
09/24	17	<u>284.00</u>
	Total	\$ 1,419.25



10/19 Jennifer Warner



No Anniversaries



10/18 Session Meeting 7pm

10/24 Newsletter Deadline

10/29 Soup & Sandwich

10/31 **Halloween**

Sunday, Oct 22nd – 2-3:30pm

Fashion & Style Show:

Dennis & Melva Smith will be hosting a fashion and style show in the church basement. Fashions



include 1880's thru 1980's. Please bring your friends and family for a delightful gathering of fashion, food and fun! There will be a free-will offering. Hope to see you there!

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A cat and mouse died on the same day and went to heaven. After they had been there awhile, Peter asked the mouse how he liked it. The mouse replied "Great! Everything is so big though, I think I need roller skates to get around better." Peter gave him roller skates. Then Peter asked the cat how everything was going. The cat replied "Absolutely wonderful! Just when I thought it couldn't any better, I discovered 'meals on wheels'!"



A burglar broke into a dark house. All of a sudden he heard "Jesus is watching." Stunned, he searched with his flashlight only to find a parrot in a cage. He walked up to the cage and asked the bird "did you say that?" The bird said "yes." Then he asked him his name. The bird said "Moses." He said "who would name a parrot Moses?" The bird said "the same people that named a 150 pound Rottweiler Jesus!"



Three sisters, aged 96, 94, and 92 lived together. The 96 year old sister went upstairs, ran her bath water, undressed and started to step in. She yelled "I can't remember if I was getting in or out!" The 94 year old sister yelled "Hold on, I'm coming to help!" But on the way up the stairs she shouted "I can't remember if I was going up or down!" The 92 year old sister just shook her head thinking of how forgetful her sisters were and knocked

on wood glad she wasn't that forgetful. As she started to go help, she stopped and yelled "I'm coming to help both of you as soon as I see who is at the door!"

Did you know:

In 10 minutes, a hurricane expends more energy that all of the nuclear weapons in the world combined.

Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.

Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.

Coca-cola was originally green.

There a four cars and eleven light posts on the back of a \$10 dollar bill.