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Seeking and Serving Christ. We are a Place for Growing Christians.

Office Hours

The church office will be open Monday – Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday there will not be office hours to conduct business. If you cannot get to the church during regular business hours, call the office (989) 792-1023 and special arrangements will be made. **The office will be closed on Thursday August 24.**

Per Capita 2023



Per Capita is part of being a Presbyterian and connecting to the Presbyterian Church as a whole; it is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. The total 2023 Per Capita for our church is \$7,949.00, which equates to **\$29.77 per member** (not per household). This goes to the General Assembly, Synod of the Covenant, and the Presbytery. If each member pays their Per Capita amount above their regular giving, then the pressure on our budget is reduced. Please mark Per Capita on your check or envelope.

Lectionary for August

August 6: Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

August 13: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

August 20: Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:(10-20)21-28

August 27: Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

Please keep these folks in your prayers:

Stephanie Bennett
Heather Rousseau
Lenny Fowler

Dick Brown
Vickie Von Berg
Sam Egbert

Matthew Robertson
MaryJo Mundell

Rescue Mission Lunches



Saturday, **August 5**, please join us in the church kitchen to assemble bag lunches for the Saginaw Rescue Mission. We will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the church kitchen to visit and share in the work of making sandwiches and lunches for those struggling with hunger. Many hands make light work! Next month's day to assemble lunches will be **Saturday, September 2.**

Homebound Communion Service



If you are homebound and unable to come to church when communion is celebrated, arrangements can be made for you to be served communion at your home or the facility where you live. If you would like to be included on this list, please call the church office @ 989-792-1023.



Dear Friends,

Were you as baffled as I was with the poor air quality we have been experiencing because of the wildfires in Canada? I wondered if I was hearing real news when I first heard about it. How could something that was happening so

far away have such an impact on us?

It served as a reminder, however, that we are all connected. What happens in one place can have an impact on another place. Likewise, what one person does can have an impact on another person. Our world and our lives are intertwined.

Perhaps this is a good lesson for us as Christians. What we do and say has an impact on those around us. It might be an encouraging word, a positive attitude, or an act of kindness that makes all the difference in someone else's life. In the same way, a harsh word, lack of compassion, or inconsiderate actions can spread like the polluted air, having a harmful impact that spreads from one person to the next.

The Bible tells us that we are the light of the world and that we are to let our lights shine (Matthew 5:14-16). Our world is filled with a darkness, with a polluted haze caused by sin. While I felt helpless in the face of the polluted air caused by the Canadian wildfires, we are not helpless when faced with the darkness of sin. Christ has overcome this darkness. The Holy Spirit living in each of us empowers us to live in such a way that our lives shine with the love, peace, and joy of Christ. This light drives out that hazy, polluted air caused by sin.

It is my prayer that each of us would submit to the Holy Spirit's work in our lives, allowing the light of God to shine brightly. May the world see this and glorify God.

In Christ,

Pastor Ruth



White Elephant Sale

Clean out your garages and closets this summer and keep in mind we'll have our annual White Elephant Sale on **Saturday, September 30**. Don't bring your items yet but keep the date in mind. All proceeds from the sale are used to support many non-profit groups in our area and abroad.

Members News

- Our thoughts and prayers are with Terry Doutre and the Doutre family at the passing of Harry Doutre on June 27, 2023.
- Our thoughts and prayers are with the Barber family at the passing of Sharon Barber on July 14, 2023.



"My wife MaryJo Mundell and I would like to give the congregation an update on what has happened since my wife's fall in church. She did break her femur, not her hip, and surgery was done that day. She is healing from that mishap and has finished all her cancer treatment despite her leg being broken and is now cancer free. At this time, we would like to truly thank the congregation for the cards, well wishes and prayers during this time. We know that my wife's recovery is due to all the prayers that were said on her behalf. Believe us when we say the power of prayer is truly beneficial. We give to each and everyone a very sincere thank you for all the prayers and well wishes."

-Jim & MaryJo Mundell

Attention Youth Alumni

If you were a member of PYG (Presbyterian Youth Group) at Second Pres., a member that graduated High School, a scholarship recipient, or a parent of one, we would love for you to check in and let us know what you're (they're) doing now! Please respond by email @ secretary@spcsaginaw.org.

Substitute Pulpit Supply Schedule

Pastor Ruth will be on vacation Wednesday August 23- Wednesday September 6. The Pastors who will fill our pulpit will be:

- **August 27 – Rev. Jim Neumann**
- **September 3 – Rev. Michael Hahn**

Farewell Reception For Collin

Best of Luck

We will host a morning reception to bid farewell to Collin Whitfield on Sunday, August 13 8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering area for food

donations. We would like the following:

- 6 – trays of pastries
- 3 – fruit trays
- 2 gallons of orange juice
- Money donations for mini quiches

There will be a basket available for cards. Contact Genie Herter @989-791-1589 if you have any questions.



To keep the congregation abreast of the budget and financial needs of the church we will continue to update the congregation monthly in the church newsletter. We thank you for your commitment to the ministry and your ongoing support for the programs here at Second Presbyterian Church.

Financial Report as of 06/30/2023	
Income	116,189.79
Expense	106,679.25
Excess	9,510.54



Give Online!

We thank those of you who have utilized our new online giving option! As you've heard, we partnered with the Presbyterian Foundation for a new, easy to use, online giving tool! You can scan this QR code with your smart phone to set up online giving. You can also visit our website, www.spcsaginaw.org, and click the "Give Now" button. You can use this for one-time giving, or to set up recurring giving! Thank you for your gifts to Second Presbyterian Church!



Building Maintenance Fund

The Building Maintenance Fund was established to ensure costly capital repairs or purchases wouldn't negatively impact the budget. Over the years, folks have given generously to the Building Maintenance Fund. In the last three years, the roofs over Fellowship Hall, the Sanctuary, and the Gathering Area/Sunday School have been replaced at the cost \$96,950. This was paid mostly from the funds in the Building Maintenance Fund (the Presbyterian Men also contributed) and will result in the fund's depletion. Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to make these costly repairs without worrying about the financial impact to our programs.

The Finance Committee is asking the congregation to prayerfully consider a special donation to replenish the Building Fund from now through the end of the year.

If you choose to donate, please indicate it is designated for the Building Fund. Thank you in advance for your continued kindness and support.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Finance Committee:

- Adam Engel
- Karen Kalina
- Brian McNalley
- Mike Patton

Ways to Give

Over the years, our congregation has been extremely generous and kind in their financial support of our Church. Here are several additional ways to provide financial gifts that may benefit the Church and the giver.

Appreciated Stock

- A gift of appreciated stock held over a year offers two tax benefits to the giver - it qualifies as a charitable income tax deduction (if you itemize), and you pay no capital gains tax on the stock appreciation.

Will or Trust

- A gift can be designated to the Church when a will or trust is set up or modified. It can be monetary or specific property.

IRA

- If you have reached your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) age and have an IRA, you can transfer a gift directly from the IRA to the Church as a gift. There are no taxes on the gift up to \$100,000 annually.
- Additionally, it can count toward your required minimum distribution if one is due.

Please consult your tax advisors prior to giving such gifts. Thank you again for your kindness, generosity, and support,

The Finance Committee

Improvements To Our Church

Over the past couple months, we have had several companies visit the church to give estimates on some maintenance projects. These are the projects that have either been completed or will be in the next few months:

1. Roof replacement over the 2004 addition (offices/Sunday school rooms) and the drive-thru by the entrance. (completed in July)
2. Window replacement in the library due to a hole. (completed in July)
3. Black walnut trees behind sheds to be trimmed back (September)
4. Parking lot cracks filled and lines repainted. **All weeds must be cleared out of the cracks before the asphalt company can fill the cracks.** (fall)
5. Stained- glass windows taken from Shelly Hall and hung in the Sanctuary. New windows will be installed where the stained-glass windows were in Shelly Hall.



Save the Date

Second Presbyterian Church will be hosting a Trunk or Treat for the community Sunday, October 29th, 2023 from 11am-1pm.

Please consider participating as we will need a minimum of 20 cars to make the event worthwhile. The Christian Education committee will help you come up with ideas to decorate your car. Each car will pass out candy and will have a game for the kids to participate in. Refreshments will be served. We hope to make this a fun annual event. A sign-up sheet will be on the table outside of the Sanctuary starting in August. Candy donations will also be needed.

Music Director Search Committee

The Session has selected the Music Director Search Committee who will work in collaboration with a committee from First Presbyterian Church. The Second Pres Committee is:

- Fred Herter
- Deanna Patton
- Bruce Smith
- Sally Carney
- Samantha Engel

Please keep them in your prayers as they begin the search.



Fish Fry – Save the Date!

It's not too early to plan! Please mark your calendars for our next Fish Fry on **Friday, October 20, 2023!** We always need help to make our fish fries a great success.

Proceeds from the sale go to the Presbyterian Men's Group, which pays for many of the maintenance jobs around the church. Most recently the Presbyterian Men contributed \$9,000.00 towards our new roof, this was made possible by your hard work on the fish fries!

Thank you for your support!

2nd @ Second

Second at Second concluded at the end of May and will resume in the fall. We are prayerfully exploring what this time might look like when we resume. If you are someone who attends and haven't had a chance to provide feedback yet OR if you are someone who hasn't attended, but might be interested in attending, we would love to hear from you. You can email your feedback and ideas to Pastor Ruth at pastor@spcsaginaw.org or you can write them down and drop them off at the office.

Mission News "Go the Second Mile" Matthew 5:4

Are you interested in joining the mission committee? We are looking for more members with a mission-minded heart to join our group as we plan and organize the church's various mission projects through the upcoming year. We meet monthly (by ZOOM throughout the winter months). If you would like more information, please reach out to Rebecca LaLonde or any other members of the mission committee or sign up on the sheet on the mission table.

Thank you for your generous support to the May mission, River Jordan. This charity supports youth who are aging out of the foster care system. Through our collection, as well as our portion of the Pentecost offering, we were able to share \$925.88 to help them work towards their goal of **preventing homelessness, human trafficking, drug addiction, and suicide among youth when leaving foster care.**

Watch for back-to-school specials! The mission committee will continue to collect school supplies for Brethren and Arthur Eddy Academy elementary school children through **AUGUST 13TH**. Any donations of backpacks, pencils, crayons, or other needed items may be placed on the table in the mission corner to be delivered before the start of school. Your donations will help the kids have a great start to a great school year!

Maintenance Custodian Second Presbyterian Church



This is a second custodial position that will help with a variety of regular maintenance tasks outside of the current custodian's job description and be a backup for when the current custodian is on vacation or sick. It requires a person who is flexible and on call. This task is broken down into several duties performed throughout the church interior and exterior, throughout the day or at other regular intervals. Job Description and applications can be found on the cart outside the church office.

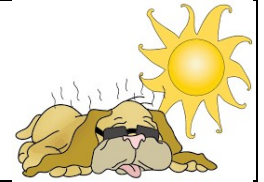
Gifts Given to the Church



Second Presbyterian Church has been the fortunate beneficiary of a generous gift. We have been given two spaces/crypts at Oakwood Mausoleum in a highly desirable area of the mausoleum. These include the opening and closing costs and lettering of the crypts. We are letting our congregation members have the first opportunity to purchase them. If you are interested, please call the office @ 989-792-1023 for more details.



SPC August 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Prayer Group 8:30 a.m.	4 	5 Rescue Mission Lunches 9:30 a.m.
6 9:00 a.m. Worship	7	8 	9	10 Prayer Group 8:30 a.m.	11	12
13 9:00 a.m. Worship Collin's Farewell Reception 8:00 a.m.	14	15	16	17 Prayer Group 8:30 a.m.	18	19 
20 9:00 a.m. Worship	21	22 Session Meeting 7:00 p.m.	23	24 Prayer Group 8:30 a.m.	25	26
27 9:00 a.m. Worship	28 	29	30	31 Prayer Group 8:30 a.m.		