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From the SPC Session

The Annual meeting of the Congregation and Corporation is Sunday, February 16, 2024 immediately following worship. Any business of the congregation or corporation can be conducted.

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Lectionary for February

Sunday, February 2: Jeremiah 1:4-10 *and* Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

Sunday, February 9: Isaiah 6:1-8(9-13) *and* Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

Sunday, February 16: Jeremiah 17:5-10 *and* Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

Sunday, February 23: Genesis 45:3-11, 15 *and* Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38



- **The office hours are Monday – Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** As always, please call the office before driving to the church as unforeseen circumstances can occur.
- A new directory will be printed in the first quarter of 2025. Please notify the office of any changes in your contact information.

- When Saginaw Township Schools have been closed due to inclement weather (snow, ice, temperatures, etc.), the office will be closed as well as any church programming for that day will be cancelled. This includes any activity of the church or outside groups that use church facilities. Examples are (but not limited to): Session, Committee meetings, Choirs, Bible Study, Women's Circle, Community events.



Dear Friends,

Sometimes I wish I were a bear because then I could just find a cozy spot and hibernate during these bitter cold days. Just wake me up when the snow melts. I will then emerge and return to life. But we all know that life does not work like that whether we are facing harsh

weather or any other challenges in life.

As I look at what is going on in the life of our church, I am grateful to see that we are not hibernating. Not only are the regular ministries of this church continuing to flourish, but new things are happening, as well. In looking back at January, I think of the new group of elders that got ordained and/or installed. They are ready and eager to serve. I think of Marsha starting in her position as Director of Christian Education. She comes with fresh ideas and energy. I also think of the youth who have expressed their desire to make profession of faith. They are growing in their walk with God and ready to take this step of entering into active church membership. Second Presbyterian Church has not gone into hibernation. Praise God! Let us be encouraged by this and let us continue to persevere.

Hebrews 11 reminds us of various Old Testament men and women who persevered in their faith in God. Hebrews 12 begins with these words: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus." As tempting as it might be to slow down or even shut down during these long winter months or during time of hardship, let us continue to run this race with perseverance. We can only do so as we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

In Christ,

Pastor Ruth

Christian Education Committee

Greetings from your CE Director,

Thank you for the warm welcome! I am excited to be here to work with all of you and your children. My office hours are Monday and Tuesday 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. with a few hours on Wednesday.

My email address is christianeducation@spcsaginaw.org if you have any questions.

There is Sunday School every Sunday for all children. Also, we are excited to announce we are looking to offer a confirmation class. If your child is interested, please let me or Pastor Ruth know. Worship bags are available in the front of the sanctuary.

~Marsha Bennett

Mission and Stewardship Committee

"Go the Second Mile"
Matthew 5:41

Rescue Mission Lunches

Saturday, **February 1**, please join us in the church kitchen to assemble bag lunches for the Saginaw Rescue Mission. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the church kitchen (Please enter from parking lot through Fellowship Hall door) to visit and share in the work of making sandwiches and lunches for those struggling with hunger. We look forward to seeing you as we gather to help those in need.



For the month of February, we are highlighting the Saginaw City Rescue Mission's Outreach Project, **Operation Hope and Care Totes**. The Rescue Mission's goal, through the **Operation Hope and Care** project, is to provide basic, personal hygiene items to hundreds of needy men, women, and children in the Mid-Michigan area. These hygiene items can bring a sense of relief to those desperately in need in our community.

Please fill a bag or tote to bring the items to church. Here is a list of items that the Rescue Mission has requested. Please bring items to the church by Sunday, February 23.

- Kids 3-in-1 Wash
- Body Wash & Scrubby
- Antibacterial Liquid Soap
- Lip Balm
- Shaving Cream (Men's & Women's)
- Hand & Body Lotion
- Deodorant (Men's and Women's)
- Tissues
- Anti-bacterial Wipes
- Toothbrush & Toothpaste

You do not have to fill a bag; we will take whatever you can donate.

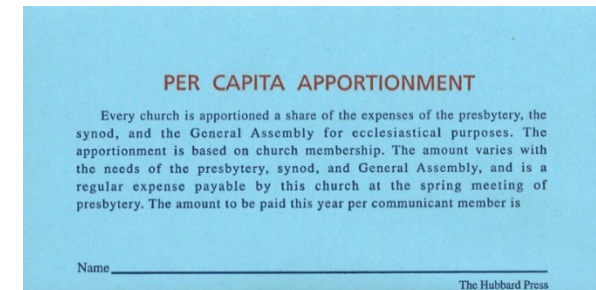




Finance Committee Update

We thank you for your dedication and gifts to Second Presbyterian Church during 2024. The year ended with our income exceeding our expenses by nearly \$37,000.00. This was much better than budgeted. As you know, a Financial Report is published in the newsletter. The financial report is a snapshot of our finances at the end of each month. Each month can vary greatly, depending on expenses and income, as we have many one-time large expenses each year (such as property insurance). We thank you for your commitment to the ministry and your ongoing support for the programs here at Second Presbyterian Church. Thank you for your faithfulness and dedication, with the help of your generosity and controlled expenses we ended 2024 on a very positive note. This excess will help in 2025 if income or expenses are not according to budget.

Financial Report as of 12/31/2024			2025
	Actual	Budget	Budget
Income	254,809.58	233,000.00	247,000.00
Expense	217,711.42	233,000.00	247,000.00
Excess Income/Expense	37,098.16	0.00	0.00



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 2025 Per Capita for our church is \$6,875.00, which equates to **\$30.69 per member** (not per household). This goes to General Assembly, Synod of the Covenant and

the Presbytery. If each member pays their Per Capita amount above their regular giving then pressure on our budget is reduced. Please mark Per Capita on your check or envelope.



Each February the “Fuel Offering” envelope is in our box of offering envelopes. Any contributions given in this envelope are used to help defray costs of Consumers Energy bills. On average, we spend \$16,000 annually on gas and electric. As always, we thank you for your continued support!

Give Online!



We thank those of you who have utilized our new online giving option! We partner with the Presbyterian Foundation for this 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! **If you changed your Estimate of Giving for 2025, and you give online, you’ll need to update your information online.** Thank you for your gifts to Second Presbyterian Church!



Fourth Quarter Contribution Statements

Fourth quarter contribution statements were distributed by email on January 18, 2025, to those with an email address on file. The emails came from adam@spcsaginaw.org with your contribution statement as an attachment. Please check your junk or spam folders if you didn’t receive a statement. Paper statements have been distributed to those requesting paper copies. Remember, there are many email scams. We will not ask for donations via email. We simply sent an email containing your statement.

Music and Worship Committee



We need your help!! The Music and Worship Committee is looking for volunteers to help with Fellowship Hour, Liturgists, Greeters, and Ushers for Sundays. We also need some people willing to learn and help with the Live-Stream operations. Please see Chuck Kemerer, Cheryl Kelley, Deb Easlick, or Bruce Smith if you are interested in learning the live-stream process. Thank you for supporting Second Presbyterian Church!

For The Hearing Impaired



The service audio is broadcasted on 96.7-FM throughout the building and parking lot. Feel free to bring your pocket size radio, with headphones or earbuds, and listen to the service at an audio level that is more comfortable for you.

Upcoming Events

Busy Hands and Hearts

Will meet at the church **Monday, February 3 @ 1:00 p.m.** You do not have to sew or knit to join in. If you have any questions, please call Pam Moran @ 989-792-7388.



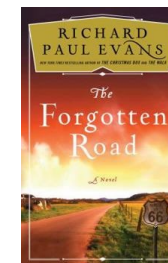
Florence Gilmore Circle

All women of the church are invited to join us on **Wednesday, February 12**, at 9:30 a.m. as we continue to study “12 Women of the Bible” focusing on Hannah, while enjoying some treats and fellowship. If you have any questions, please call Carol Poole @ 989-793-7485.



February Book Group

The Forgotten Road by Richard Paul Evans is the second book in the Broken Road Trilogy. **We will meet Sunday, February 23 @ 1:00 p.m.** to discuss the book, enjoy some fellowship and treats. No need to sign up, just show up!



Fish Fry – Save the Date!

Please mark your calendars for **Friday, April 11, 2025!** We always need help to make our fish fries a great success. Proceeds from the sale go to the Presbyterian Men’s Group, which provides funding for many of the maintenance jobs around the church. This is made possible by your hard work! Thank you for your support!





FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Rescue Mission Lunches 9:00 a.m.
2 9:00 a.m. Worship	3 Busy Hands 1:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m. 	4	5	6	7	8 
9 9:00 a.m. Worship 2nd @ Second	10	11	12 9:30 a.m. - Florence Gilmore Circle	13	14	15
16 9:00 a.m. Worship Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 9:00 a.m. Worship 2nd @ Second Book Group 1:00 p.m.	24	25  7:00 p.m. Session	26	27	28	

