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## Second Presbyterian Church Newsletter November 2023



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



### Time Change November 5, 2023

Remember to set your clocks **back** on Sunday, November 5 as we end Daylight Savings time!



### Rescue Mission Lunches

Saturday, **November 4**, please join us in the church kitchen to assemble bag lunches for the Saginaw Rescue Mission. This will be a recurring event on the **first Saturday of each month**. We will meet at 9:30 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. Many hands make light work! We look forward to seeing you as we gather to help those in need.

### Lectionary for November

**November 1 – All Saints' Day:** Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

**November 5:** (Semicontinuous) Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12 (Complementary) Michah 3:5-12; Psalm 43

**November 12:** (Semicontinuous) Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13 (Complementary) Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70

**November 19:** (Semicontinuous) Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30 (Complementary) Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

**November 26 – Christ the King:** (Semicontinuous) Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; (Complementary) Psalm 95:1-7a; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

### All Saint's Sunday

**On Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**, we will light a candle during the service to honor the faithful who have died during the past year in our own church community. It's a day of gratefulness and remembrance for those that have passed away.

### Busy Hands and Hearts

Busy Hands meets the **FIRST** Monday of the month. November meeting will be **Monday, November 6** from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. We would like to welcome anyone interested in coming and seeing for themselves what we are about. You do not need to knit or sew to come! Please come and share with us your ideas so we can create items to share with others in our community. If you have any questions, please call Pam Moran 989-792-7388.



### Florence Gilmour Circle

**All women of the church** are invited to join us on **Wednesday, November 8**, at 9:30 a.m. as we continue watching and discussing the DVD "The Jesus I Never Knew" by Philip Yancey.

## Harvest Potluck

Enjoy some wonderful fall fellowship at the Harvest Potluck on **Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**, at 5:00 p.m. The church supplies turkey, rolls, stuffing, potatoes, & gravy and you bring a dish to pass and your table service. Signup sheets will be in the gathering area next week. If you can cook a turkey, please let us know on the signup sheet. Please contact Sonia Hoepfner @ 989-792-1023 or 989-781-0542 if you have any questions.



Dear Friends,

As I look back on October, my heart is filled with gratitude for all that has been going on here at Second Presbyterian Church. I thank God for everyone who played a part in making our services and all last month's special events a success. I thank God for the relationships within this family of God that have been strengthened as we served and worshiped together. I thank God for people from the community that have stepped through our doors and have been on the receiving end of the fellowship and love that is present within this congregation. I thank God for the money that has been raised and money that has been pledged for next year so that we may continue to do this work of God.

This feeling of gratitude is appropriate as we enter November and this season of thanksgiving. Thankfulness has been something my mother has emphasized my entire life. I remember sitting around the Thanksgiving table holding a pouch filled with five kernels of corn and being instructed to think of five reasons to give thanks. I remember my mom asking the question, "If you woke up this morning with only the things that you thanked God for last night, what would you have?" And I remember my mom quickly interjecting, "What do you say?" when anyone was about to give me something. In case you are wondering, we say, "thank you." I am thankful for my mother – all that she has done for me, all that she has taught me, and for all her love. Perhaps I had better make sure she knows this.

Who are you thankful for this season? Why not take a few minutes to call that person or send a text, email, or card expressing this gratitude? If you are feeling extra ambitious, perhaps this is something you could do each day of November. It may mean more to that person than you can imagine. It will also help to foster that "attitude of gratitude" (another phrase my mom instilled in me).

And while you are at it, let us not forget to thank God. "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." (Psalm 107:1) God has blessed us in so many ways. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

In Christ,

Pastor Ruth



## Harvest Sunday – November 19

We invite you to bring non-perishable food items to worship on **Sunday, November 19**. Please place it on the table in the main hallway by the office. We will collect food items through **Sunday, November 26**. At this Thanksgiving season let's share some of our abundance to help feed others.

## Hanging of the Greens

We will get busy immediately after worship on **November 26<sup>th</sup>** decorating the church. When we're done, we'll enjoy lunch together. We will supply the pizza, and you supply a beverage. All families are invited to help!



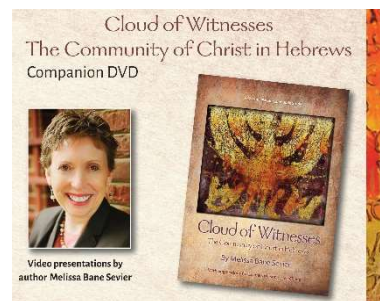
## White Elephant Sale Update

Thank you, thank you, and thank you to everyone who helped with the White Elephant Sale! This was a "ton" of work, and we could not have done it without you! We made \$3000.00 profit from White Elephant Sale. All funds will be distributed by the Presbyterian Women's Group for missions locally and abroad.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> @ Second

We will continue to study *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*. Author Melissa Bane Sevier invites us to explore major themes found in Hebrews, relate these themes to other parts of our faith tradition, and tie them together with the overarching motif of community. Everyone is welcome to attend! 2<sup>nd</sup> @ Second meets from 10:15-11:15 Sunday mornings after the worship service. The exact start date is uncertain as we wait for the materials to arrive, but please consider joining this

time of fellowship and Bible Study. There is no need to buy the book, but if you would like your own copy, you can purchase it by going to: [www.presbyterianwomen.org/bible-study/cloud-of-witnesses/](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/bible-study/cloud-of-witnesses/)



## MISSION NEWS



**THANK YOU to the congregation** for your support of "It's All About the Cross" Ministries of the Saginaw County Jail. Thanks to the donations of the congregation, we are able to provide 150 positive and uplifting books and 5 cases of Bibles to Chaplain Andy Cox to use in his ministry at the Jail.

**Starting November 6, we will be collecting Christmas gifts for the Angel Tree mission.** Angel Tree provides gifts to children of incarcerated parents. Tags with suggested gift items for each child will be available for pickup at the church. **Please return these gifts to the church by December 11**, so they may be distributed to the children before Christmas. Thank you for your generosity and support to those most vulnerable in our community.



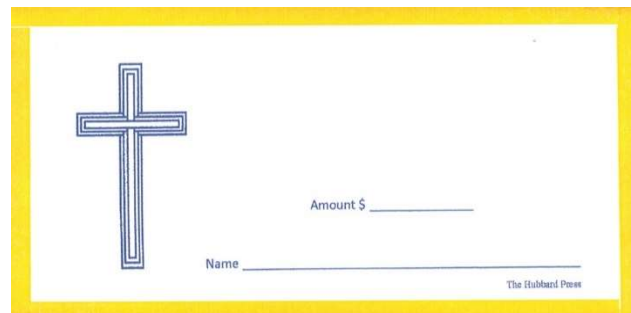
To keep the congregation abreast of the budget and financial needs of the church we will continue to update the congregation monthly in the church newsletter. We thank you for your commitment to the ministry and your ongoing support for the programs here at Second Presbyterian Church.

Financial Report as of 09/30/2023	
Income	167,046.04
Expense	148,582.04
Excess	18,464.00

### 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](http://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!



### Snow Removal

Each November the "Snow Removal" envelope is in your box. Any contributions given in this envelope are used to help defray costs of our Snow Removal. As you know, each winter we never know what to expect with Snow Removal! Your contributions are always helpful and appreciated.

### Third Quarter Contribution Statements

Third quarter contribution statements were distributed by email on October 1, 2023, to those with an email address on file. The emails came from [adam@spcsaginaw.org](mailto: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, this is simply an email containing your statement.

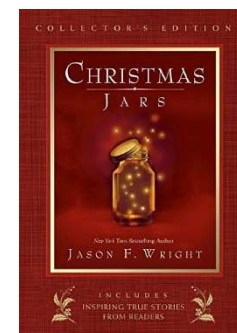


**A HUGE thank you** to all who helped make the recent fish fry a success. Your support helped serve 471 meals and netted a profit of over \$4,600! The funds earned through this endeavor support various maintenance projects throughout the church. During 2023 Fish Fry profits have contributed \$9,000 to our new roof and \$3,500 to various lawn and maintenance projects. **Our next Fish Fry is Friday, March 15, 2024.** We hope you'll help at the next one – we have a wonderful time getting to know each other!

Please let one of the following individuals know if you are willing the help:

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Alan Poplewski	(989) 928-7957	alanpoplewski@hotmail.com

Thank you for your support!



### Random Acts of Kindness A Book Group for Christmas

To get into the holiday spirit, we are going to have our first Christmas inspired book club. The book is "Christmas Jars" by Jason F. Wright. Grab a copy or download the book, read it over the next several weeks, then we will meet on Thursday, December 7 @ 6:00 p.m. to discuss the book, eat some treats and enjoy some holiday fellowship! Please bring a treat to share with others. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided. No need to sign-up, just show up.



The office will be open 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.

\*The office will be closed on Thursday and Friday November 23 & 24 in observance of Thanksgiving.

- In the next couple weeks, the order forms for poinsettias will be in the gathering area. Choice of red or white, and the cost is \$10.
- The Boy Scouts will be selling wreaths and greens for the Christmas season. Watch for exact Sunday's they will take orders in the weekly update and the bulletin Announcements.



# Second Presbyterian Church

## November 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Prayer Group 8:30 a.m.	3	4 Rescue Mission Lunches 9:30 a.m.
5  9:00 a.m. Worship All Saint's Sunday	6 Busy Hands & Hearts 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	7	8 Florence Gilmore Circle 9:30 a.m.	9 Prayer Group 8:30 a.m.	10	11  VETERANS DAY
12 9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School Harvest Potluck 5:00 p.m.	13	14	15	16 Prayer Group 8:30 a.m.	17	18
19 9:00 a.m. Worship Harvest Sunday (Bring Non-perishable food for the food pantry)	20	21	22	23  THANKSGIVING	24 Office Closed	25
26 9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School Hanging of the Greens	27	28 Session 7 p.m.	29	30 Prayer Group 8:30 a.m.		