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JOIN US ON CHRISTMAS EVE  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24,  
AT 7:00 P.M.

WHATS NEW?

**Session Highlights**  
Here are the highlights  
of our October 2025  
Session Meeting. It

should be understood that these are not  
the actual minutes.

- **Annual Financial Review** - McDonald and Associates approved our financial books.
- **Records Review** – The Church Register and book of Session Minutes were approved for 2025.
- **Membership Transfer** – Christal Schoen has transferred her membership to a church in Nacogdoches, TX.
- **Christmas Eve Service** – Thomas and Pastor Hahn will work together to plan the Christmas Eve Service.

JoAnn Hunt, Clerk of Session



All women of the church  
are invited to join us on  
**Wednesday, December  
10**, at Sullivan’s Food and  
Spirits 5235 Gratiot Rd,  
Saginaw, MI 48638, at 9:30 a.m. If you plan to  
attend, please reach out to Carol Poole @989-793-  
7485.

2025 Ruling Elders

Administration

Andrea Drapp  
Samantha Engel  
Tammi Sova

Christian Education

Laura Bosley  
Christy Higley  
Heather Rousseau

Finance & Budget

Brian McNalley  
Karen Kalina  
Mike Patton

Stewardship & Mission

Kitty Myers  
Linda Mattson

Worship & Music

Cheryl Kelley  
Chuck Kemerer  
Deb Easlick

Staff

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Education

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Financial Secretary

Adam Engel

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Director of Music

Ministry

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Secretary

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Gannon Sova  
Isaiah Sova



## From the Desk of Marsha Bennett Christian Education Director

Greetings, I hope you all are well.

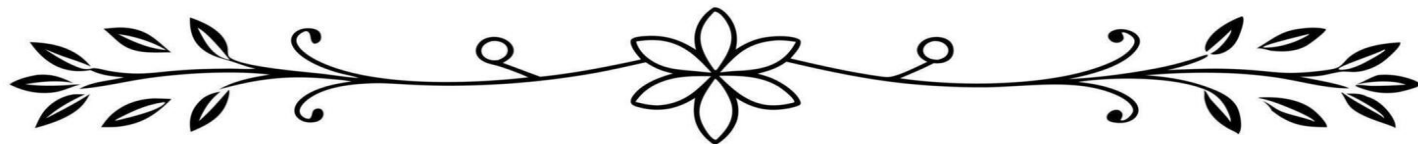
The Christian Education Committee, along with Music Director Thomas, would like to invite all children to help us sing on December 14! Our Music Director is working with the children to teach them the song they will be singing. Please reach out to Thomas @ [music@spcsaginaw.org](mailto:music@spcsaginaw.org) if you have any questions.

Sunday school is every Sunday for all kids ages four and up. Please come to the classroom to pick up your child after service. If you are interested in teaching, there is a sign-up sheet in the Sunday school hallway. We offer two classes, one for our younger children and one for the older children, so we will need two teachers each week. The program is very easy to follow and all materials are provided. If you have signed up to teach, your lesson is printed for you labeled with your name and the date you are teaching. You can find them in the Sunday school hallway, in the "teachers' corner." If you need anything for your day, make sure you reach out to me when I am in the office so I can get you everything you need.

If you have not filled out your child's Sunday school registration form, see me or whoever is teaching that day to get the form.

The kid's connection is a special newsletter especially for your child. It is sent out separately to your children. I ask that you read it with them or have them read it as there is information specifically for them!

2<sup>nd</sup> @ Second meets after worship at 10:15 and should be wrapping up by 11:30. Grab your snack and drink and join us in the library. If you have any ideas for the next study, please let us know!



### Boy Scout Troop 304

The Boy Scouts would like to express their gratitude for the Christmas wreaths and greens that members of the church ordered. This fundraiser helps the Scouts raise money for their camping trips and summer camp. Thank You!



On Sunday, December 14, at 4:00pm, Concerts at First Presbyterian Saginaw presents the second annual Handel's Messiah concert. The concert will include the Saginaw Bay Youth Orchestra and the Saginaw Choral Society, and features the Christmas portion of Messiah, plus the Hallelujah Chorus.

On Sunday, December 14 at Second Pres., the children are going to sing during the service. This is a time honored Season of Christmas tradition here at SPC that everyone enjoys, but we need your kids and grandkids to make it a success. Please contact Thomas for more information @ [music@spcsaginaw.org](mailto:music@spcsaginaw.org).



To keep the congregation abreast of the budget and financial needs of the church the Finance Committee provides periodic financial updates 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 10/31/2025	
Income	193,223.62
Expense	176,912.80
Excess Income/Expenses	16,310.82

### 2025 End of Year Contributions:

The IRS requires that donors must hand deliver or mail (the postmark must be on or before December 31, 2025) to claim a deduction for 2025. Giving in 2026 and predating a check for 2025 does not qualify for a 2025 deduction.



### Christmas Joy Offering:



The Christmas Joy Offering will be received Sunday, December 21. This offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need, and develops our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. There are Christmas Joy envelopes in the pews, but you may also specify that your offering is for Christmas Joy.

### Estimate of Giving:

Thanks to all who have submitted Estimates of Giving for 2026. If you have not already done so, please turn in your 2026 Estimate of Giving slip by either mailing it to the church or dropping it in the offering plate. We are working on our budget for 2026, and many programs of the church depend upon your Estimate of Giving. Thank you for your faithfulness!



The mission committee met with Mark Adams of *Frontera de Cristo* via Zoom at our November meeting. He told us about their current mission activities, primarily the Educational Enrichment Program of before & after school activities aimed at both better education and giving elementary students the idea of & belief in other life paths than poverty, drugs & trafficking. They have or are setting up 3-4 program centers near elementary schools in Agua Prieta, Mexico & hope to start another 1 on the U.S. side of the wall in Douglas, AZ. Douglas & Agua Prieta consider themselves to be sister cities, 1 community. They also started Café Justo 18 years ago, a coffee shop & community center in Agua Prieta, connected with the coffee-growing community in Chiapas on the border with Guatemala, helping to create a sustainable agricultural system where farmers can stay on their land & be able to support their families instead of migrating. They also have Migrant Resource Centers on both sides of the border, & a wonderful cooperative program with PCUSA's YAV (Young Adult Volunteers) program.

There are many more enterprises & faith based activities with videos on their website, <https://fronteradecristo.org/our-mission/>. We voted to send \$500 to their mission & to look into further supportive interactions. This is an amazing organization & we encourage to check out their website & videos.

#### Updates:

\$500 has been sent to support the anti-trafficking group in the Philippines that Cathy Chang has been working with.

Billie Bauer took 31 stockings to I Support the 1% veterans outreach. Thank you for the congregation's generosity!

Our amount from the Peace & Global Witness donations came to \$126.25. that will go toward donations to The Well, Mustard Seed & Forgotten Youth Ministries, supplemented from SERRV account funds to send \$300 to each.

The collection of winter wear has started for 2026. Place any donations in the schoolhouse in the "Mission Corner."



**Reminder: Please return the Angel Tree Gifts by Sunday, December 14.**





# December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Rescue Mission Lunches 9:00 a.m.
7 9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School 	8	9	10 Presbyterian Women 9:30 a.m. @ Sullivans Restaurant Bells – 6p.m. Chancel – 7pm	11	12	13
14 9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School 	15	16	17  Bells – 6p.m. Chancel – 7pm	18	19	20
21 9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School 	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Service 7:00 p.m. 	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26	27
28  9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School	29	30	31 			

