

## Lectionary for February

**February 2:** Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

**February 9:** Isaiah 58:1-9a; Psalm 112:1-9; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12; Matthew 5:13-20

**February 16:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

**February 23:** Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

**We offer our prayers and condolences to Kathy Buter and family at the death of Doug on January 22.**

**Please keep these folks in your prayers:**

**Winnie Bingham**

**Don & Sally Day**

**Stephanie Bennett**

**Ed DeWyse**

**Vera Dice**

**Alice Briggs**

## Second Presbyterian Church Newsletter February 2020



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

### Filling Our Pulpit

**February 2:** Rev. Dr. Dan Saperstein

**February 9:** Rev. Jennifer Saperstein

**February 16:** Rev. Jean Winther

**February 23:** Rev. Philomena Ofori-Niaaph

### Men's Fellowship Breakfast



All men of the church are invited to join in on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, for breakfast, study and fellowship. We meet at 8:00 a.m. at the church, as we continue our study of the Acts of the Apostles. Come and join us for breakfast, study and fellowship.

### Souper Bowl of Caring



Our youth will stand by the doors with soup pots after worship on February 2<sup>nd</sup> to collect for the Souper Bowl of Caring. The Souper Bowl of Caring transforms the Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving. Souper Bowl of Caring is a movement empowering youth to collect for local hunger-relief agencies in their local communities. Our collection will go to the food pantry at First Presbyterian Church.

### Sub Sandwiches on Super Bowl Sunday

If you ordered sub sandwiches for Super Bowl Sunday, don't forget to pick them up after worship on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>!

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## Busy Hands and Hearts

We will meet on Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. You do not need to know how to crochet, knit or sew. This month we are looking for people who would like to deliver our finished items.

We are in need of the following items:

**Zippers 7" or shorter, large snaps, hook and eyes, twill tape, colorful buttons 1" inch or larger, and charms that can be sewn on our twiddlemuffs.** If you need more information please contact Ruth Anderson@792-0372.

## Boy Scout Sunday and Pancake Breakfast



Boy Scout Sunday is February 9<sup>th</sup>, and our troop is putting on a Pancake Breakfast immediately after worship. Please plan to stay after worship for delicious pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice.

Come to support our Scout Troop 321, have your breakfast and enjoy Sunday morning fellowship.

## Florence Gilmour Circle

All women of the church are invited to join us on Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. as we study *John the Baptist* of Karen Kingsbury's book "*Family of Jesus.*"

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

Please join us at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday morning as we continue our study of world religions. We are finishing up the study of Judaism this month. The schedule is as follows:

**February 2:** *Philosophers and Mystics*

**February 9:** **No 2<sup>nd</sup> @ Second** (Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast)

**February 16:** *The Legal Frameworks of Judaism – Halakha*

**February 23:** *Common Judaism – or a Plurality of Judaism?*

**March 1:** *Judaism and "Others"*



Happy  
Valentines  
Day!

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## Sunday School

This month the children in 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades will be exploring "Jesus' Baptism" and "Jesus washes Feet" in the Sunday school workshops. The children will be experiencing a "doll" baptism, mirror craft, a matching game, and other fun activities. If you would like to lead a workshop, please talk to Peggy. Join us for some fun.

## Young Children and Worship

(4 year old – 1<sup>st</sup> grade)

**February 2** – Parable of the Mustard Seed

**February 9** – Parable of the Leaven

**February 16** – Parable of the Good Samaritan

**February 23** – Jesus in the Wilderness

## Ash Wednesday Taizé Service

On Wednesday, February 26, there will be a reflective worship in the tradition of Taizé in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. This worship will include meditative music, scripture readings, silence, and the imposition of ashes. We invite all to spend a quiet hour as we begin Lent with this introspective style of worship. Childcare will be available.

## Per Capita Apportionment

At the beginning of each year our Per Capita Apportionment for ecclesiastical expenses comes due. 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 2020 per capita amount is \$8,294 for our church or \$29.00 per member (not per household). It 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.

## Communion Servers for March 1

If you are a past or present Elder or Deacon, please consider helping serve Communion on March 1<sup>st</sup>. The signup sheet is in the gathering area.

## Feeding Individuals Sharing Hope – F.I.S.H.



On communion Sundays we collect food for the First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry. We know that it is our privilege to feed the hungry and care for the poor as we are fed and sustained by the grace of God. Please bring your non-perishable food and place them on the table in the main hallway on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Youth Events

**Saturday, February 1st** – we will be making sub sandwiches for the Super Bowl. Join us in the kitchen at 1 p.m. to make some subs!

**Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>** – PYG during Sunday School time. We will also be passing out sub sandwiches after worship and collecting funds for the Souper Bowl of Caring

**Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>** – PYG during Sunday School time

**Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>** – PYG during Sunday School time

**Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>** – PYG during Sunday School time

**Sunday, March 1st** – Soup/Chili Cook off!! Meet us in Fellowship Hall at 3:30 p.m. and please bring a dessert to share.

## Annual Chili and Soup Cook-Off

Our Youth Group will again be hosting a Chili and Soup Cook-Off this year!! Whether you want to put your chili or soup (or both) in the running for the “Best at Second Pres” or you want to come and enjoy a hot dinner of a variety of chili’s and soups - mark your calendar for Sunday, March 1st at 5 p.m. Tickets will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 10 and under. Please sign up if you want to be a “cooker”. Tickets will go on sale early in February!

## Update on the Search for Interim Pastor and Music Director

The following is information concerning the changes that are coming with the retirements of Pastor Neumann and Laurel.



The Interim Pastor Search Committee is meeting regularly (at least weekly) and operating within the guidance of our Presbytery liaison. The committee most recently began the next step of the search process with initiation of completion of an "Interim Church and Position Description" form. Completion of this form will require thoughtful reflection and input of committee members over the next meeting or two. As the process continues, updates to the congregation will continue.

The Music Director Search Committee has also been meeting regularly, receiving and screening resumes and conducting interviews and auditions. Several skilled candidates have risen to the top, and the process is on-going to find the right "fit" for our church services and programs. Updates will continue.

## Fish Fry & Bake Sale Signup Sheets



We'll need lots of help at the Fish Fry on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Signup sheets will be in the gathering area soon. It takes many hands to make this event a success...and it's also really great fellowship. The proceeds go to the Presbyterian Men's Group, which performs many of the maintenance jobs around the church. There will also be a Bake Sale during the Fish Fry. A signup sheet for bake sale items will also be in the gathering area.

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



For the month of February, we are highlighting the Saginaw City Rescue Mission's Outreach Project, **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. People living on the street can tell you that living in a car or in an abandoned building can be tough. What a luxury these hygiene items would be!

Pick up a Hope and Care tote bag from the table in the main hallway. **Fill the bag with the complete list of items needed** that the Rescue Mission has requested. Please bring back to the church by Sunday, February 23.

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| <b>Brush &amp; Comb</b>          | <b>Body Lotion</b>                 |
| <b>Soap or body wash</b>         | <b>Toothbrush &amp; Toothpaste</b> |
| <b>Shaving cream</b>             | <b>Nail Clippers</b>               |
| <b>Shampoo &amp; Conditioner</b> | <b>Deodorant</b>                   |
| <b>Tissue</b>                    | <b>Disposable razors</b>           |
| <b>OTC pain relievers</b>        | <b>Hair gel</b>                    |

**A little bag can make a big difference!**

**Inclement Weather Policy**



When Saginaw Township Schools are closed due to inclement weather (snow, ice, temperatures, etc.), any church programming for that day will also 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.

**Scholarship Applications**



Scholarship applications and requirements are in the office for the MaryAnn Geiersbach Scholarship, the Muriel Lakey Scholarship and the Alma College Scholarship. Please return your application by March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Thanks!**

Trish and I want to thank you for the wonderful celebration of my retirement on Sunday. We thank you for your generosity and for your love throughout these 25 years. Thank you for the cards and notes and memories that you've shared over the past several weeks. It has been a wonderful ministry here, and you were such a big part of it! Thank you!

Thank you for putting up with me and my humor and for supporting me in all that I've done here. Thank you for being a healthy congregation!

As I said on Sunday, it is my prayer that you would be supportive of those who are searching for an interim pastor and a music director - surround them with your prayers. And when an interim pastor arrives, love that pastor as much as you love me. And when your new permanent, called pastor arrives, do the same. Love that pastor. It will be your best affirmation that my ministry with you was healthy, strong and enduring. Through these years it has been my main prayer in this ministry to deepen your commitment to Jesus Christ, his church and his mission. Your continued leadership in this congregation in the coming months and years will be the best tribute to me and my ministry.

Thank you!

*Jim*

# Second Presbyterian Church

## February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 1:00 p.m. Youth making Subs
<b>2</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship & Nursery 10:45 a.m.-2 <sup>nd</sup> @Second 	<b>3</b> Busy Hands 1:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m. 	<b>4</b> 2:00 p.m. Exercise	<b>5</b> 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Chancel	<b>6</b> 8:30 a.m. Prayer Group	<b>7</b> 11:00 a.m. Exercise	<b>8</b> 
<b>9</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship & Nursery Scout Sunday & Pancake  Breakfast	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 2:00 p.m. Exercise  Committee Night	<b>12</b> 9:30 a.m. - Florence Gilmour Circle  6:00 p.m. Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Chancel	<b>13</b> 8:30 a.m. Prayer Group	<b>14</b>  11:00 a.m. Exercise	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship & Nursery 10:45 a.m.-2 <sup>nd</sup> @ Second	<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b> 2:00 p.m. Exercise	<b>19</b> 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Chancel	<b>20</b> 8:30 a.m. Prayer Group	<b>21</b> 11:00 a.m. Exercise	<b>22</b> 
<b>23</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship & Nursery  10:45 a.m. -2 <sup>nd</sup> @ Second	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 2:00 p.m. Exercise  7:00 p.m. Session	<b>26</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> <b>Taize Service</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>27</b> 8:30 a.m. Prayer Group	<b>28</b> 11:00 a.m. Exercise	<b>29</b>