

POSTMASTER: Send Address Changes to:  
SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER  
2665 MIDLAND ROAD, SAGINAW, MI. 48603-3448

Second Presbyterian Church Newsletter



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



**Rescue Mission Lunches**  
Saturday, **August 3**, 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, August 31**.

### Office Hours

The church office will be open  
**Monday – Thursday**  
**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**  
As unforeseen circumstances may occur, please call 989-792-1023 to be sure that someone is in the office before you drive to the church.

**Lectionary for August**  
**August 4:** 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a and Psalm 51:1-12; **Complementary:** Exodus 16:2 – 4, 9-15 and Psalm 78:23-29; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35  
**August 11:** 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 and Psalm 130; **Complementary:** 1 Kings 19:4-8 and Psalm 34:1-8; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51  
**August 18:** 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 and Psalm 111; **Complementary:** Proverbs 9:1-6 and Psalm 34:9-14; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58  
**August 25:** 1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43 and Psalm 84; **Complementary:** Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 and Psalm 34:15-22; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69



A picnic is planned for **Sunday August 4 @ 1:00**. We have booked the pavilion at **Wickes Park on Hospital Rd.** (The pavilion at the McCarty entrance is reserved by someone else, so please be sure to enter from Hospital Rd.) **If the weather is bad, the picnic will be moved to Fellowship Hall at the church.** We will provide hotdogs and hamburgers; you just bring a dish to pass, a chair, and beverage.



**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,  
“O be careful little eyes what  
you see.” Did you sing this  
song as a child? I did and I  
can still picture all the  
motions that go with it. The

verses that follow remind our hands to be careful what they do, our minds to be careful what they think, our ears to be careful what they hear... you get the idea. Why are we careful of these things? “For our Father up above is looking down in love.”

This song came to mind as security cameras got installed around the entrances of the church during the summer. At first, I felt conscious of someone possibly watching me. I am not sure who would be interested in watching me enter and exit the church, but I still had that weird feeling of being watched.

That children’s song reminds us to be careful because God is watching everything – not just what we do and say, but what we think. He knows our hearts. How does that make you feel? In some ways, that should serve as a warning to us. We should be careful! God sees those “little” sins, impure motives, or unkind thoughts. But notice that this song states that our heavenly Father is looking down “in love.” We may face the consequences of our actions. God holds us accountable. But God does so in love, just as a parent lovingly desires what is best for his or her child. God does not watch us, eagerly waiting to catch us in some act of sin. God watches us in love, desiring that we grow in Christian maturity.

So, the next time you notice a security camera “watching” you, remember that your heavenly Father is also lovingly watching you. May every part of our lives – our thoughts, words, and deeds – be honoring to God. May this be our prayer: “Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.” (Psalm 139:23-24)

In Christ,

Pastor Ruth



You may have noticed that security cameras have been installed around all the entrances to the church. To help keep the building secure, everyone who has a key to the church is going to have a unique code to the alarm system. The code to unlock the inside doors will remain the same.

**If you have a church key, please make note of the following:**

By August 21, let Sonia know that you have a church key and inform her what 4-digit code you would like as your unique code for the alarm system.

On August 30, these new alarm codes will take effect. Prior to that date, please use the current code. After this date, use your new code to arm/disarm the alarm system.

Thank you for helping us to make this transition go smoothly!



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<br>as of 06/30/2024 |             |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| Income                               | 122, 147.49 |
| Expense                              | 125, 156.90 |
| Deficient                            | (3,009.41)  |

**Online Giving**



If you utilize online giving and changed your Estimate of Giving for 2024 you will need to go [www.spcsaginaw.org](http://www.spcsaginaw.org) and click the “Give Now” button to modify your giving amount. You can also scan this QR code with your smart phone to modify your online giving.





# MARK YOUR CALENDAR



WATCH THE BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS, WEEKLY UPDATE, AND SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS.



Second Presbyterian Church 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Trunk or Treat for the community is tentatively scheduled for **Sunday, October 27, 2024**.

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. A sign-up sheet will be on the table outside of the Sanctuary starting in August. Candy donations will also be needed.

It's not too early to plan for our next Fish Fry on **Friday, October 18, 2024!** 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. Thank you for your support!



\*\*\*Beginning with the September Newsletter, we will have **bi-monthly newsletter** mailings. The newsletters for the rest of 2024 will be:

- **September – October**
- **November - December**

## **Mission News** **"Go the Second Mile"** **Matthew 5:41**

The Stewardship and Mission Committee is always receptive to and welcoming new members. If you are mission-minded and wish to join our group to plan and organize the church's various mission projects throughout the year, just contact Billie Bauer or indicate so on the sign-up sheet on the table in the "Mission Corner."

Again, thank you for your generous support toward the May mission, River Jordan. The June/July newsletter stated we would be providing a final tally here, which, including your donations and our share of the Pentecost offering, totaled \$909.45.



June's mission, the Midland Foster Care Closet, yielded a good share of tangible donations which have been delivered and were well received and appreciated; these included diapers, wipes, children's clothes, clothes for young men, toiletries, and blankets. Your donations are made accessible to foster kids and families in the Tri-City Area at the MFCC, free of charge. Thank you!

Please continue to watch for back-to-school specials, as we will continue to collect school supplies for elementary school children through August 18. Any donations of backpacks, pencils, crayons, or other appropriate/needed items may be placed on the tables in the entrance hallway, to be delivered before the start of school. Your donations will help the kids have a great start to a great school year



## **Care – Pairs**

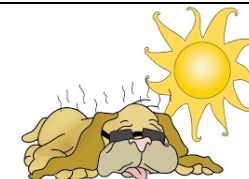
Care - Pairs is a system where we can pair two people together to simply make a phone call to check on each other. The sign-up sheet is in the gathering area if you are interested in this program. If you want to know more, either take an information sheet or call Ruth Anderson @ 989-401-1908 or 989-225-1620.

Alexander Fowler has left for bootcamp. If you would like to send him correspondence, his address is:

**Fowler, Alexander J.**  
**95<sup>th</sup> Adjutant General Reception Battalion**  
**6141 Edwards St.**  
**Fort Sill, OK 73503**



# SPC August 2024



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