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SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER
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WHATS NEW?

- On Sunday January 11, 2026 during worship, the new elders, that you approved for the class of 2028, will be installed.
- Saturday January 24, 2026 Pastor Ted will hold training for **ALL** elders in class of 2026, 2027, and 2028.
- 2026 Directory:**
In order to print an accurate church directory, we are making sure that we have your correct information. Please make sure we have all your information correct. Also, we will need a picture to include next to your name in the directory. Please text one to Adam @ 989-781-1218 or email it to adam@spcsaginaw.org.



Communion:
Sunday, January 4, communion will be celebrated during the worship service. We hold an open communion at Second Presbyterian Church which means all believing Christians are welcome to participate. We also invite you to bring non-perishable food items for **The Ecumenical Food Pantry at First Presbyterian Church**.

Taking Down the Greens:
Please plan to stay after worship on **Sunday, January 4**, and help us take down the greens. After worship we will “un-deck” the halls. The more people we have helping, the quicker we will finish.



2026 Ruling Elders(Once elders are installed, committee elder names may change)
Administration
Samantha Engel
Tammi Sova
Andrea Drapp
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
Director of Christian Education
Marsha Bennett
Financial Secretary
Adam Engel
Maintenance Supervisor
Doug Engel
Director of Music Ministry
Thomas Heidenreich
Secretary
Sonia Hoepfner
Office Assistant
Carol Poole
Maintenance Custodians
Gannon Sova
Isaiah Sova

Lectionary for January
2nd Sunday of Christmas – January 4
Jeremiah 31:7-14 and Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:(1-9) 10-18
Epiphany of the Lord – January 6
Isaiah 60:1-6 and Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12
Baptism of the Lord – January 11
Isaiah 42:1-9 and Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17
2nd Sunday after Epiphany – January 18
Isaiah 49:1-7 and Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42
3rd Sunday after Epiphany – January 25
Isaiah 9:1-4 and Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23



**From the Desk of Marsha Bennett
Christian Education Director**

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2026, I pray everyone had a happy Christmas.

This new year, I want to challenge you to try something new every day! I am going to declutter my home by donating 30 things each month, anyone want to join in this task with me?

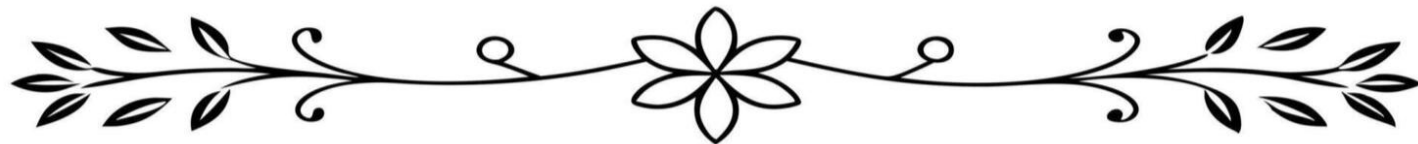
My office hours are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 10-1.

Please remember there is Sunday school every Sunday for all kids 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 do need two teachers every week, so please sign up to help with our classes if you are able.

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

If you have signed up to teach, your lesson is printed for you labeled with your name and date you signed up to teach. 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.

2nd @ Second will resume on January 11 @ 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!



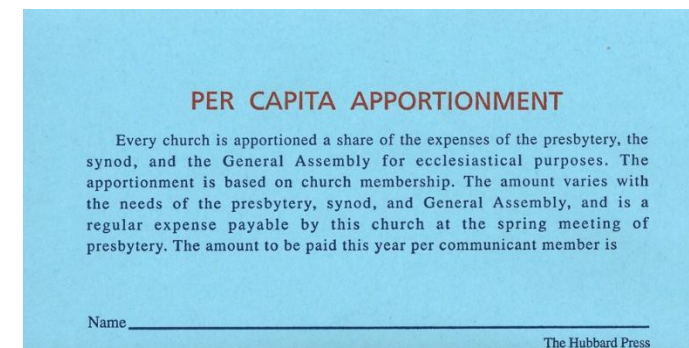
All women of the church are invited to join us on **Wednesday, December 10**, at Sullivan's Food and Spirits 5235 Gratiot Rd, Saginaw, MI 48638, at 9:30 a.m. If you plan to attend, please reach out to Carol Poole @989-793-7485.

We offer our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Terry Doutre who passed into the church triumphant of December 16, 2025. Terry was a long-time member of Second Presbyterian Church. Her funeral will be held at Pinewoods Presbyterian in Cantonment Florida on January 3, 2026.



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, 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!



Per Capita:

The special envelope for January is the Per Capita envelope. 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 2026 Per Capita for our church is \$7,840.00, which equates to **\$35.00 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.

Estimate of Giving:

Thank you to everyone who made an Estimate of Giving for 2026. We have received 49 Estimates of Giving for 2026. Estimate of Giving letters were mailed to 165 families, this means we have received a 30% response. If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider making an Estimate of Giving for 2026 and placing it in the mail or 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!





Second Presbyterian Church

January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Rescue Mission Lunches 9:00 a.m.
4 9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School Communion Taking Down the Greens	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School 2 nd @ Second Installation of Elders	12	13	14 Florence Gilmore Circle 9:30 a.m. At Sullivan's	15	16	17
18 9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School 2 nd @ Second	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School 2 nd @ Second	26	27 Session 7:00 p.m.	28	29	30	31 Rescue Mission Lunches 9:00 a.m.

2025 Year in Review

Here are some of the highlights from the past year.

Building Maintenance – Your pledged dollars at work.

- Handicap button at the entry door was repaired.
- Flat roof over old hallway was repaired and the damaged interior ceiling was replaced, and painted.
- Parking lot was sealed and re-lined.
- 790 fluorescent bulbs were replaced with LED throughout the church.
- The parking lot timer was replaced.

Busy Hands and Hearts – knitted hats and blankets donation totals.

- 14 lap robes, 27 kids hats, 20 large hats, 6 scarves, 6 pair of mittens, 4 pair of socks, 2 prayer shawls, many baby hats, blankets and seaters.
- Items were donated to The Baby Pantry, St. Francis, Saginaw Senior Care, Caring Closet, East Side Soup Kitchen, and The Rescue Mission of Saginaw

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Christian Education

- Marsha Bennett assumed the role of CE Director
- “Kids Connection” newsletter is mailed monthly directly to the children.
- Confirmation Class was held March 8, Brady Mulvaney, and Piper Sova were confirmed on Easter Sunday.

- VBS Saturday – “Incredible Me!” – One in a Minion was held June 28.
- A new curriculum titled “Two or More” specifically designed for small churches and easily adapted to as few as 2 students is being used.
- Director of Music Ministry Thomas works with the children one Sunday a month to teach them various songs associated with worship. The Children performed supported by the Chancel Choir on December 14.
- 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat was held October 26.
- “Christmas Creations” youth event took place on Sunday December 14 following worship. Those that attended had a good time and expressed interest in future events.

Worship and Music

- Thomas organized the music rooms along with the W&M storage room in the basement.
- Vocal coach Dr. Paige Heidrich came and worked with the choir.
- Thomas participated in the Sursa National Organ competition at Ball State University and was the first prize winner.
- The Chancel Choir continued, on occasion, singing jointly with FPC.

**Happy
New Year
2026**