

Lectionary for January

January 5: Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:1-18

January 12: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

January 19: Isaiah 49:1-9; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

January 26: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

Please keep these folks in your prayers:

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

Annual Meeting of the Congregation And Corporation

The session has called The Annual meeting of the Congregation and Corporation for Sunday, January 19th. Any business of the congregation or corporation can be conducted.

Taking Down the Greens Sunday, January 5



Please plan to stay after worship on Sunday, January 5th, and help us take down the greens. After worship we will “un-deck” the halls and then enjoy lunch before heading home. We’ll provide the subs and you bring pop or chips. The more people we have helping, the quicker we will finish.

Communion Servers for January 5

If you are a past or present Elder or Deacon, please consider helping serve Communion on January 5th. The sign-up 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, January 5th.

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.

Pastor Neumann Retirement

As you probably have heard, Pastor Neumann is retiring after 25 years of service with Second Presbyterian Church. His last worship service will be on January 26. We will be having a catered celebration brunch immediately following worship in fellowship hall. If you would like to contribute to the celebration, please see any of the following committee members: Kim Byron, Samantha Engel, Pam Moran, Patty Robertson or Sue Shepherd. You may drop any monetary donations off in the office. An RSVP signup sheet for the brunch is on the signup table in the gathering area.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

All men of the church are invited to join in on Saturday, January 4th for breakfast, study and fellowship. We meet at 8:00 a.m. at the church. This month we will start studying the book of Acts. Come and join us - newcomers are always welcome!



Busy Hands and Hearts

This is our busiest time of year. The colder the weather, the greater the need. You do not need to knit, crochet or sew. Come and join us on Monday, January 6 from 1-3 p.m. Please contact Ruth Anderson at 792-0372 for information.



Florence Gilmour Circle

All women of the church are invited to join us on Wednesday, January 8 at 9:30 a.m. as we continue our discussion of Chapter 1 – day 5 of Karen Kingsbury's *Family of Jesus*.

2nd @ Second

We will continue our study of Judaism and should finish up in February. There will be only one class on January 12. There will be **NO 2nd @ Second on January 5 (Taking Down the Greens), January 19 (Annual Meeting) or January 26 (Jim's retirement brunch)**

Sunday School Workshop Leaders

We are still in need of volunteers for leading our Sunday school workshops for 2nd through 5th graders! There are some very exciting workshops coming up in the New Year! Please consider a small time with our children of Second Presbyterian Church.

2020 Directory



If you have changed your address or phone number this year please let the office know as soon as possible. We're updating the phone directory this month.

Exercise Group Is Back

Beginning Tuesday, January 21 at 2:00 p.m., the low-impact exercise group led by Ann Dietzel, will resume. The group meets every Tuesday @ 2:00 p.m. and Friday @ 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Upcoming Events in February

February 2 – Rev. Dr. Dan Saperstein will fill our pulpit.

February 9 – Scout Sunday & Pancake Breakfast

Mark these dates on your calendar

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.

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

"Go also the second mile" Matthew 5:41

We had a great response to the Angel Tree Program this year. Thanks to the generosity of the congregation, a total of 57 children in 33 families received gifts this Christmas.



January's Mission Focus is the "Two Coins a Meal" offering. This is a hunger ministry of the congregations of the Presbytery of Lake Huron benefiting five local grain banks in Niger, Africa, along with local and other hunger ministries. "Two Coins a Meal" is a special offering that our congregation will take on the last Sunday in January.

Throughout the month, everyone is encouraged to set aside a few coins at every meal. This simple act is an expression of thanksgiving for what we have received. On January 26th, bring the coins you have collected throughout the month and place in the special offering pail. All of those coins will "make a joyful noise unto the Lord" as they are received and dedicated.

With food crises common in Niger, there is not a time when all regions of the country have enough food. The Presbyterian Hunger Program is providing help to the Evangelical Church of the Republic of Niger (EERN) to establish cereal (grain) banks. Training is provided, and locally purchased millet is supplied to stock the banks. Each family that participates initially is able to borrow a bag of grain to plant their fields. Once the crop is harvested, an amount of grain is returned to the bank so that others can obtain grain in the future.

Fifty percent of the offering will go towards funding the grain banks of the EERN in Niger, while twenty-five percent will go to the PCUSA Hunger Program to respond to the crisis of hunger in the United States and around the world. The remaining 25 percent will be designated by our congregation to meet hunger needs in our community.

Brochures and more information about the Niger cereal (grain) banks can be found on the mission table in the gathering area.

Two-Coins-A-Meal invites you to:

- Contribute a few coins every meal.
- Remember the needs of others in prayer.
- Learn more about hunger in your community, nation and world.

Experience the power of Christians working together in response to Jesus' command, "Give them something to eat!"

Youth Events

Sunday, January 5th – Welcome Back and Happy 2020! No PYG during Sunday School time on this day, but we will be helping to “Take Down the Green” or de-decorate the halls of church after worship.

Sunday, January 12th – PYG during Sunday School

Sunday, January 19th – PYG during Sunday School and trampoline jumping at Sky Zone!!! Details below.

Sunday, January 26th – NO PYG - please remain in worship for Jim’s last Sunday preaching with our congregation.

Saturday, February 1st – We will be making sub sandwiches for the Super Bowl sub sale we are having through January. Join us in the kitchen at 1:00 p.m. to make some subs!

Trampoline Jumping

PYG will be going to Sky Zone on Sunday, January 19th. We will leave church at 11:00 a.m. Cost will be \$7 per person and we will jump for an hour. You must sign-up by January 12th so we can ensure enough transportation and get waivers signed. Please call or email Sam, DJ or Tammi with questions.

Super Bowl Sub Sandwich Sale

Watch the bulletin for details – but plan on allowing the youth group to make your lunch for the big game!! We will be taking orders in January and subs will be ready to be picked up on Sunday, February 2nd!

Volunteers Needed For:

- 1) Coffee Fellowship** - We provide everything needed, you just make the coffee, fill the cups, and enjoy getting to know your fellow parishioners one Sunday a month. Please contact Jim and Mary Jo Mundell.
- 2) Ushers** - You will hand out bulletins before service, and pass the collection plate during Offering of Tithes and Gifts. Please contact Carol Poole for more information.

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 search committee for the new music director has been interviewing a few qualified applicants. The members of this committee are Fred Herter, Karen Schadel, Billie Bauer, Deanna Patton, Connor Rousseau and Marsha Bennett.

The search committee for the interim pastor was approved at the December session meeting. Adam Engel, Brian McNalley, Mike Patton, Kristin Fowler, and Natalie Martinez are the member of this committee. They will be meeting a representative from the Presbytery to begin the search for an interim. We are hoping that the search for an interim pastor will be successful and quick so we will not be without a pastor for long. From the time Jim leaves at the end of January until the interim pastor comes, we will be in the “Transition Period.” A transition committee was also approved at the session meeting. Those members are:

Adam Engel will be in charge of worship planning.
Sonia Hoepfner will handle administrative matters.
Genie Herter will be in charge of pastoral care.










In order for the transition period to run smoothly, our church will need the help, support and commitment of each member. Let’s all work together to keep Second Presbyterian the active, vital, welcoming church we all love.





Second Presbyterian Church

JANUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Office Closed	2 8:30 a.m. Prayer Group	3	4 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast and Study 
5 9:30 a.m. Worship & Nursery Communion Taking Down the Greens	6  1:00 p.m. Busy Hands & Hearts	7 Special Session Meeting 7:00 p.m.	8 9:30 a.m. Florence Gilmour Circle 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Chancel	9 8:30 a.m. Prayer Group	10 	11
12 9:30 a.m. Worship & Nursery 2nd @ Second	13 	14 Committees 7:00 p. m.	15 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Chancel	16 8:30 a.m. Prayer Group	17	18 
19 9:30 a.m. Worship & Nursery Annual Meeting	20	21 2:00 p.m. Exercise	22  6:00 p.m. Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Chancel	23 8:30 a.m. Prayer Group	24 11:00 a.m. Exercise	25
26 9:30 a.m. Worship & Nursery Pastor Neumann Retirement Brunch	27 	28 2:00 p.m. Exercise  7:00 pm Session	29 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Chancel	30 8:30 a.m. Prayer Group	31 11:00 a.m. Exercise	