

Lectionary for September

September 5: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125;
James 2:1-17; Mark 8:27-38

September 12: Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12;
Mark 8:27-38

September 19: Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; James 5:13-
20; Mark 9:38-50

September 26: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22; Psalm 124;
James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

Please keep these folks in your prayers:

Arlene Besner, Stephanie Bennett, Jim Berden, Patty Burnside,
Dick Brown, Don and Sally Day, Vera Dice, Esther Egbert, Carole
Fowler, Nancy Huegel, Heather Kleen, Pat Perea, Heather
Rousseau, and Vickie VonBerg.

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Seeking and Serving Christ. We are a Place for Growing
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But those who trust in the Lord for help will find their strength renewed. They will rise on wings like eagles; they will run and not get weary; they will walk and not grow weak. Isaiah 40:31

Grace and Peace to You!

Just when we thought all was going well comes another surge of the COVID-19, a considering how to win the race; (it has been a rough year). I really do take comfort in partnering with you in redefining and rediscovering what it means to be a faith community in transition of the church to calling an installed Pastor in such a time as this. This calls for us to giving thanks for all of you who make up this community we call Second Presbyterian Church. That is the business of church: to give thanks in the midst of despair; to live with hope in the midst of turmoil; to live with love in the midst of anger. We wonder when will this be over? Questions that we may not answers, yet we can take delight in the Lord, who gives us patience and strength in the waiting.

In Isaiah 40:31, a familiar Scripture, where we are encouraged to walk in the Lord and not be tired or weary, serving as an inspiration. The word “walk” is used to express our spiritual journey in the Lord through Jesus Christ, without getting tired because God is our strength. The reality of God’s presence gives us the grace to keep pressing on through the thick and thin.

Also, we are to “walk” and “wait” patiently for God’s directions and not be dependent on our own wisdom. As we take the walk with the Lord Jesus Christ, let us remember the vision of God for us. God’s wheel leads us with the assurance to bring us to the destination of hope. God’s grace gives strength to the weary and those who are tied, and so we must keep on keeping on, while standing firm in the Lord, for God is never in a hurry as we may be. For the glory of the Lord is with us enabling us to persevere with patience in our faith walk.

Let us Pray: Lord God, your faithfulness gives us strength and hold us together in the Spirit of peace. O Lord, help our minds and souls to stand firmly in Jesus Christ in the waiting. May we continue to strife in the everlasting arms of God for renewal. In the name of Christ our Lord. Amen!

Happy Labor Day!

In Christ Peace,
Pastor Philomena

Florence Gilmour Circle

All women of the church are invited to join us on Wednesday, **September 8th** at 9:00 a.m. at Sullivan’s Restaurant on Gratiot Rd. We will enjoy fellowship and friendship as we explore what topic/book we would like to discuss during our monthly meetings.



Busy Hands and Hearts



Our Busy Hands ministry group reaches out to our community by making lap quilts, hats, mittens, and other items for local shelters. You do not have to sew or knit to join in. We will meet following worship on Sunday 12th. If you need more information, please contact Ruth Anderson - 792-0372.

A Letter to the Congregation

Greetings and blessings to you all. On behalf of the Session, we wanted to share with you recent staff changes here at Second Presbyterian Church. While they came all at once, they were not for the same reasons.

Sara Glynn-Dishaw, Music Director, has resigned her position immediately. We wish her the best in her new endeavors and are sorry it didn’t work out with us.

Matthew Wilkins also resigned his position as Custodian and Live-Stream Operator. As it is true with many young people, he’s working many positions and didn’t have enough time to help us.

Samantha Engel always loved working with our youth. For many reasons, a busy schedule included, she is unable to continue.

We are thankful for the work of these three have done for our church and are looking for various ways of filling of their positions. We ask for your prayers and support. God Bless you all.

Pastor Nominating Committee

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has been working weekly on the Ministry Information Form (MIF) required to begin the search for a permanent pastor. Once the form is completed, it will need to be approved by the Session and then by the Presbytery. The following people are your representatives on the PNC:

Billie Bauer, Marsha Bennett, Pete Brucker, Barb Easton, Adam Engel, Sonia Hoepfner and DJ Sova.

The church office will be closed Monday, September 6 in observance of Labor Day.



MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

"Go also the second mile" Matthew 5:41

**Update on Forgotten Man Ministries collection of books & purchase/delivery of bibles. Rebecca Lalonde went through all the boxes of books in the closet back by Shelly Hall and counted out 615 books (12 boxes) that we were able to donate. The Mission Committee was also able to purchase 72 bibles through churchsource.com. Thank You Rebecca for delivering all of these to the Saginaw Co Jail through FMM!!!

A HUGE THANK YOU to our awesome congregation for the wonderful school supplies that were collected all summer long. We counted 331 items collected AND 61 backpacks for the kiddos up at Brethren Elementary and Arthur Eddy here in Saginaw. Dick Brown & Linda Mattson drove up to Brethren on August 19th with the school supplies and some of the new winter clothing (they're being extra careful & would only accept new items for now). Dick took the school supplies over to Arthur Eddy on August 20th. As always, this is a true labor of love.

Due to the natural disasters in Haiti recently, the Missions Committee has agreed to make a \$1000 donation through PC-USA Disaster Relief -- for Haiti. They were just devastated recently with the awful earthquake & then tropical storm. Please continue to send your prayers.

Please keep our Presbyterian Missionaries, Michael & Rachel Ludwig in your prayers as they start their transition back to the United States. They have faithfully served in Niger for over 7 years with their 3 children. Michael has accepted a pastoral ministry in the U.S. that will start January 1, 2022. They have asked to continue our prayers & financial support for Rev. Josh Heikkila, Reg. Liaison for West Africa.



Drive-Thru Fish Fry

Mark your calendars for our first-ever drive-thru Fish Fry on Friday, October 15, 2021! Further details will follow in upcoming newsletters and emails. Please keep an eye on the church Facebook page so you can share the event!

We still need help to make this fish fry a success.

Sign-up sheets will be in the gathering area soon. Proceeds from the sale go to the Presbyterian Men's Group, which performs many of the maintenance jobs around the church.

Please let one of the following individuals know if you are willing the help:

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| Paul DeWyse | (989) 284-7975 | pdewyse@aol.com |
| Adam Engel | (989) 781-1218 | schmiel42@aol.com |
| Alan Poplewski | (989) 928-7957 | |
| alanpoplewski@hotmail.com | | |

Thank you for your support!

White Elephant Sale



Clean out your garages and closets this summer and keep in mind we'll have our annual White Elephant Sale on **Saturday, September 25**. Don't bring your items yet but keep the date in mind. We will need many volunteers to help set-up, during the sale and to clean up after the sale. If you have any questions, please call Carol Poole @ 793-7485.

FINANCIAL NEWS

To keep the congregation abreast of the budget and financial needs of the church the Finance Committee will be displaying a chart in the main hallway with information regarding the church finances. We hope this will give everyone a greater understanding of our finances. 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 07/31/2021 | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| Income | 117,296.13 |
| Expense | 141,775.02 |
| Deficit | (24,478.89) |

Contribution Statements

You may have noticed second quarter contribution statements were not distributed. We have found many times statements are not picked up and must be mailed. To reduce waste and better use our resources, second quarter statements were not produced. If you have an interest in receiving a contribution statement, please feel free to contact the church office at any time.

Many thanks for all the thoughts, prayers, cards, calls, and food that were sent to us after my recent back surgery! We feel truly blessed to be part of such a loving, caring church family! May God bless our church and all its members!
Sincerely, Genie Herter

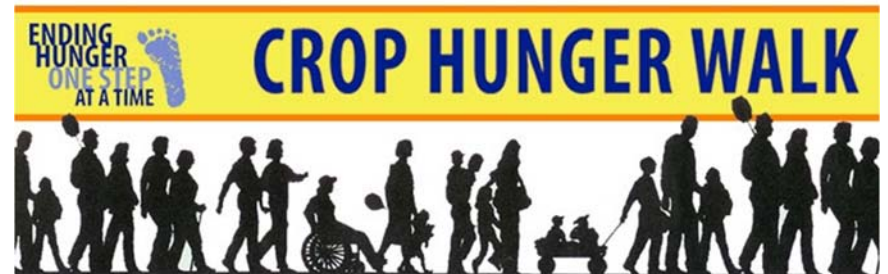


For Your Information

Did you know that you do not have to serve on the Session to participate on a committee? There are many of you that would like to express their suggestions by volunteering as a member of a committee, but do not want to participate as part of Session. You are encouraged to bring your ideas to the following committees:

- Finance
- Missions
- Christian Education
- Music and Worship

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these committees, please call the office @ 792-1023.



In September, we will be getting organized to participate in the CROP Walk for Hunger on October 10th @ 1pm. There will be sign-up forms in the front hallway by the 12th. We can either walk downtown, meeting at the YMCA like in years prior OR you can walk with your own groups somewhere else -- your choice. Here's the link if you would like to register online.
<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/second-presbyterian-church>

Recipes from the 1957 Reba Cookbook

Apple Crust

Submitted by: Mrs. Gene Bierlein

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| 3 or 4 medium apples | ½ c. flour |
| ¾ c. quick oatmeal | 1t. cinnamon |
| ¾ c. brown sugar | ½ c. butter |

Peel apples, slice thin and arrange in greased 8-inch round pan. Sprinkle this mixture over apples. Bake in 350-degree oven 35-40 minutes. Serve warm with cheese wedges or whipping cream.

Apple Dumplings

Submitted by: Venice Kazuk

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| 2 c. sugar | 2 c. flour |
| ¼ t. cinnamon | 1 t. salt |
| ¼ t. nutmeg | 2 t. baking powder |
| ¼ c. butter | ¾ c. shortening |
| 6 apples | ½ c. milk |

Sauce: Combine sugar, spices and 2 c. water. Cook 5 minutes. Add butter.

Pare and core apples. Sift together dry ingredients; cut in shortening. Add milk. Roll out and cut six 5-inch squares ¼ inch thick. Place 1 apple on each square; sprinkle with sugar and spice; dot with butter. Fold the corners and pinch edges together. Place 1 inch apart in pan. Pour the sauce over each apple square. Bake in 375-degree oven for 35 minutes. Serve hot with whipping cream.

Spaghetti Sauce

Submitted by: Rex Landin

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| ½ c. olive oil | 1 8oz. can mushrooms |
| 1 large onion, diced | 2 t. A-1 sauce |
| 2 stalks celery, diced | 2 t. Worcestershire sauce |
| 3 pickled chili peppers, diced | 1 heaping t. oregano |
| 4 cloves garlic, diced | 1 heaping t. marjoram |
| 3 lbs. ground beef | 1 t. ground fennel seed |
| 2 cans tomato paste | 1 pinch sweet basil |
| 2 cans tomato sauce | 2 t. chili powder |
| 2 cans tomatoes | salt to taste |

Sauté onions, celery, chili peppers and garlic in olive oil until it starts to brown. Add ground beef, stirring constantly until beef is separated and browned evenly. Stir in tomato paste, sauce, and tomatoes. Add remaining ingredients, stir, and simmer for 6 hours. Stir occasionally to keep sauce from sticking to pot.

Hungarian Goulash

Submitted by: Vi Kerr

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| 2 lbs. beef cut into small cubes | 1 c. chopped carrots |
| 2 T. butter | ¾ c. water |
| 1 c. chopped celery | Salt and pepper to taste |
| 1 c. chopped onion | dash of garlic salt |








Brown beef: add remaining ingredients. Cover and simmer for 2 hours. Serve on bed of cooked noodles. Garnish with paprika and parsley.



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September 2021



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 | 2 Prayer Group 8:30 a.m. | 3 | 4 |
| 5 9:30 a.m. Worship | 6  Labor Day | 7 | 8 | 9 Prayer Group 8:30 a.m. | 10 | 11 |
| 12 Kickoff Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship Busy Hands & Hearts 10:45 a.m. | 13 | 14 | 15 Florence Gilmore Circle 9:00 a.m. @ Sullivan's Restaurant | 16 Prayer Group 8:30 a.m. | 17  | 18  |
| 19 9:30 a.m. Worship | 20 | 21 | 22  | 23 Prayer Group 8:30 a.m. | 24 | 25 White Elephant Sale 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. |
| 26 9:30 a.m. Worship | 28 | 29 Session 7:00 p.m. | 30 | |  | |
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