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

Busy Hands and Hearts

Will meet at the church **Monday, April 1 @ 1:00 p.m.** You do not have to sew or knit to join in. If you or anyone you know has yarn to donate, please place it in the Busy Hands box in the gathering area's Mission corner. If you have any questions, please call Pam Moran @ 989-792-7388.



Rescue Mission Lunches



Saturday, **April 6**, please join us in the church kitchen to assemble bag lunches for the Saginaw Rescue Mission. This will be a recurring event on the **first Saturday of each month**. We will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the church kitchen (Please enter from parking lot through Fellowship Hall door) to visit and share in the work of making sandwiches and lunches for those struggling with hunger. We look forward to seeing you as we gather to help those in need.

Florence Gilmour Circle

All women of the church are invited to join us on **Wednesday, April 10**, at 9:30 a.m. in the church library as we continue watching and discussing the DVD "The Jesus I Never Knew" by Philip Yancey.



Lectionary for April

Second Sunday of Easter – April 7: Acts 4:32-35 *and* Psalm 133 *or* Isaiah 65:17-25 *and* Psalm 3; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

Third Sunday of Easter – April 14: Acts 3:12-19 *and* Psalm 4 *or* Isaiah 6:1-9a *and* Psalm 40:1-5; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 21: Acts 4:5-12 *and* Psalm 23 *or* Zechariah 10:1-12 *and* Psalm 80:1-7; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

Fifth Sunday of Easter – April 28: Acts 8:26-40 *and* Psalm 22:25-31 *and* Exodus 19:1-6 *and* Psalm 118:19-25 ; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

Scholarship Information



Applications for the Muriel Lakey Scholarship and the Mary Ann Rigterink-Geiersbach Scholarship are available in the top bin on the cart by the office. Applications need to be turned in by **April 16th**.



Dear Friends,

My Grandma was well-known for saying, "Now that's done, too." Whether it was a visit from family or a special church event, as the door closed behind the last guest or as we got in the car to return home, we would hear, "Now that's done, too." Leading up to the event, there were always preparations and anticipation. But once it was all said and done, life returned to normal.

In some ways, that is how I feel as we enter April. I think of all the preparations leading up to Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday and I am tempted to give a big sigh and say, "Now that's done, too." Life can go back to normal.

According to the church calendar, however, we have just entered the season of Easter. Easter is not done! We are just getting started! Prior to Easter, we were in the season of Lent, which is typically a more penitent, solemn time. We reflected on how Jesus suffered and died for us. But now, as we have entered this season of Easter, it is a time of celebration. The story did not end at the cross and grave. And it did not end with a one-day celebration of the empty tomb. Easter is not just one day, but an entire season. According to the church calendar, this joyful season of Easter lasts the fifty days from Easter Sunday until Pentecost Sunday. In reality, however, we celebrate the resurrection our entire Christian lives! The hope and power of the resurrection is our salvation and life! We are resurrection people! (See Romans 10:9, 8:11; Ephesians 1:18-21; John 11:25-26)

So, let us not think, "Now that's done, too." Our Easter celebration is just beginning! Or, perhaps more accurately, our Easter celebration continues. Christ is risen! Let the people of God rejoice!

In Christ, our risen Lord and Savior,

Pastor Ruth



Sunday School

Sunday School will meet the following Sunday's: **April 7 & 21 and May 5 & 19**. Please let the Christian Education Committee know if you are interested in helping out on Sunday mornings. The members are; Pam Moran @ 989-792-7388, Laura Bosley @ 989-780-1420, and Christy Higley @ 989-798-6678.



Give Online!

We thank those of you who have utilized our new online giving option! As you have 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!

Update

A HUGE thank you to everyone for helping at the fish fry! We served:

- 314 adult dine in meals
- 4 meals to kids ages 6 - 12
- 200 take outs
- 518 meals total**

Fish Fry



A profit of just over **\$5,000.00** was realized. This is a record-breaking number of meals sold and a record-breaking profit. This helps support many projects around the church. It is awesome to see everyone come together and have a little fun. The fish fry is a great way for us to work together and to serve the community. I know we all had fun, so please reserve **Friday, October 18, 2024** on your calendar for the next fish fry! Again, thank you so very much!

Thank You Second Pres!

To the members of Second Presbyterian Church;

On behalf of my wife Maryjo Mundell and myself, we wish to express our sincerest gratitude and deepest thanks to all the members and friends in the congregation. Especially for all the outpouring of love, support, the cards and mostly for the prayers for my wife's recovery during her ongoing battle with cancer. We truly wish to thank all in the congregation for all their prayers we do know that they are working.

Thank You,
Jim and MaryJo Mundell

Second Presbyterian Church,

As Mom/ Helen Hellman's world "shrank," and activities were eliminated, she missed the social contacts with services, Circle, and general church activities. Being recognized as a 50-year member was very special. Mom verbalized her "blessings" and appreciated all. Thank You to those that shared a happy memory or hug or simply wanted us to know of your place as another church friend. Helen's family felt the love.

- Nancy Ann Hellman-



Thomas Heidenreich - Director of Music Ministry

I recently completed my Doctor of Musical Arts degree in organ performance from the University of Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music. In 2021, I was recognized by *The Diapason* journal as part of their "20 under 30" trendsetting organists. I won the 2016 Joan Lippincott Competition for Excellence in Organ Performance at Westminster Choir College and, in 2019, performed for the Association of Anglican Musicians national conference in Boston at the Harvard Memorial Church. Before moving to Michigan, I served as the Organist in Residence at Nashotah House Theological Seminary in southeastern Wisconsin, where I played for daily chapel services as well as other liturgies and concerts. My playing is part of the Seminary's newly released album *We Praise Our God*. I received my undergraduate and master's degrees from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey. I am a life-long Presbyterian and grew up in Cincinnati. I look forward to exploring the Saginaw musical scene as well as the museums in the area.

Doug Engel - Maintenance Supervisor

I am married to Bonnie and we have two sons, Adam, and Andy. I have worked in the construction field my entire career, starting in residential construction then transitioning into commercial construction in the eighties, eventually becoming a construction superintendent. My management skills and building experience were used in many building projects over the years. Just a few are Kingston High School, the Manistee County Jail, the 911 Center and many mausoleums. I retired in 2023. I now enjoy hunting, fishing, building birdhouses, cutting boards, building furniture along with just about anything else someone may request. We have a chocolate lab named Chip, who loves to go for truck rides and swim. We also have a kitten who loves to attack feet. I enjoy going to the stable and treating the horses and the donkey.

Isaiah Sova - Maintenance Custodian

I am a senior at Swan Valley High School. I plan to attend Delta in the fall of 2024 and study to become an IT Technician. I am a current member of Swan Valley High School's National Honor Society and am Magna Cum Laude. I have participated in soccer for four years, marching band for four years, concert band for four years, and basketball for one year. In my free time, I enjoy disc golf and hanging out with friends. I have been attending Second Presbyterian Church since I was born and participated in Youth Group, REACH, and Vacation Bible School.



The church office will be open Monday thru Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m..

To contact a member of staff, please feel free to either call the office @ 989-792-1023 or email @

- Sonia Hoepfner – secretary@spcsaginaw.org
- Adam Engel – adam@spcsaginaw.org
- Ken Morris(financial secretary) – finance@spcsaginaw.org
- Doug Engel – doug@spcsaginaw.org
- Pastor Ruth – pastor@spcsaginaw.org

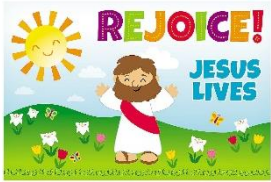
On the cart outside the office, you will find a form to fill out if you happen to notice a maintenance issue, either inside or outside the church building. Please fill out the form and leave it in the top bin or in Doug Engels' mailbox in the office.

Missions



For the month of April, our Mission Focus will be through Presbyterian Giving Catalog - Livestock Gifts. The goal of the Presbyterian Giving Catalog is "To connect people as neighbors with others experiencing needs, supporting projects and friendships that grow gardens and generations, bring water and watch for corruption, share education, tools and training, and link each of us, more closely with one another and with God." Throughout the month of April, we will be collecting donations to purchase livestock, which will be given to those in need to help foster independence through farming. The amount and number of donations received will determine the animals we are able to sponsor (flocks of chickens, piglets, goats, cows, beekeeping, or oxen/plow. These animals will help those in need to become self-sufficient, support their families, and enrich their communities. Donations may be placed in the box on the Missions table or in the church office. If you would like more information on the Presbyterian Giving Catalog, please visit their website at Presbyterian Giving Catalog.





April 2024

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Busy Hands 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. 	2	3	4	5	6 Rescue Mission Lunches 9:30 a.m.
7 9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School	8	9	10 Florence Gilmore Circle 9:30 a.m. 	11	12	13
14 9:00 a.m. Worship	15	16	17	18	19	20 
21 9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School	22	23 Session Meeting 7:00 p.m.	24	25	26	27
28 9:00 a.m. Worship	29 	30				