

## Lectionary for September

**September 2:** Song of Solomon 2:8–13 Psalm 45:1–2, 6–9  
James 1:17–27 Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23

**September 9:** Proverbs 22:1–2, 8–9, 22–23 Psalm 125  
James 2:1–10 (11–13) 14–17 Mark 7:24–37

**September 16:** Proverbs 1:20–33 Psalm 19 James 3:1–12  
Mark 8:27–38

**September 23:** Proverbs 31:10–31 Psalm 1 James 3:13–  
4:3, 7–8a Mark 9:30–37

**September 30:** 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:

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## Second Presbyterian Church Newsletter September 2018



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

### Kickoff Pancake Breakfast

Pancakes and Sausage – OH MY!!! Prepared and Served by our smiling Youth – OH MY!!! Please join us for a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> right after worship. Our Youth Group will be serving pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee. This is always a great meal with great company! We will be accepting donations at the door to help support our activities throughout the year! Hope to see you there!



### Calling All Church Members

Sunday, September 9, is Kick Off Sunday. Since we hope to kick things off with a huge and joyful noise, we need you! Everyone - EVERYONE - is invited to sing in our Kick-Off Choir. The kick-Off Choir will only sing once, on September 9th, so don't miss this terrific opportunity. You don't need a great voice, just a song in your heart. Please meet in the choir room at 9:00am. We will teach you the song and then we will sing in worship. Come help us start off the fall with a vibrant, joyful, jubilant noise and an overflowing choir loft. See you September 9th!

## Music Makers Feast!



The musicians at Second Presbyterian always make beautiful music, but, fortunately, they also make wonderful food! As we gather to start the fall season, what better way to start than by sharing a feast???

All our ringers, singers, strummers, pluckers, instrumentalists, and whistlers will gather on Wednesday, September 5th. We'll meet at 6:00 pm, in Fellowship Hall, for our fall pot luck feast. Please bring a dish to pass and your table service. Significant others are always welcome to join us. The Chancel Choir will rehearse following dinner. The first rehearsal for the JuBELLation Choir will be September 12th at 6:00pm.

## Singing Is Good for Your Health

Yes, it's true! Singing is good for your health! Why not make the healthy choice and join the Chancel Choir? You don't need great talent. We will help you learn the music. Choir is a wonderful way to share God's music ♫ with a terrific group of people. If you can't sing every Sunday just come when you can. We rehearse on Wednesday's at 7:00 pm. We hope you will join us this fall.



## 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**



**29.** You may start bringing donations Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> after worship or Monday-Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> between 9am-3pm. Volunteers are needed to help set up, work the sale, and help clean up.

## Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in helping out with coffee hour, please call the office.

## Sunday School



Please put **Sunday, September 9** on your calendar for "Kick-off" Sunday! Children will be experiencing a "spiritual walk" in and around the church grounds that day! After learning from "Daniel" about his daily spiritual practices, children will enter a labyrinth-like "Spiritual Walk". Walking quietly to each station, they will work their way towards the CENTER where a table is set to evoke their senses to the Fullness of God and knowing the Trinity. Please join us for this meaningful and fun morning at Second Presbyterian Church!

## Sunday School Workshops

Sunday school for ages 4 years old – 8<sup>th</sup> grade will also be starting back up this month (September 16), so please sign up to be a workshop leader for one or more Sundays this year! Our theme this year is "The Covenant". Starting with Noah and Abraham, we will witness a special relationship between God and all of humankind. Jesus comes to live among humankind to be the fulfilled Covenant in our midst. He lives out the demands of the Covenant, to love the Lord God with all one's heart, soul, and strength. The Covenant is now between individuals and God. We are called to live up to the demands of the Covenant and remember that we are God's people. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering area. Please check to see where you can best serve! Thank you!



## 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 on **Monday, September 10**, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. If you need more information please contact Ruth Anderson- 792-0372.



## REACH 2019 Meeting

It is time to start planning the REACH trip for the summer of 2019!!! Hurricane, WV – here we come!!! Our REACH 2019 trip will be July 7<sup>th</sup> – July 13<sup>th</sup> 2019 and will be open to any youth entering 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades in the Fall of 2018. We will be having a very quick informational meeting on Sunday, September 23rd at 10:45am in the youth room. No commitment necessary at this time, but if you either know you are joining us (and would like a bit of a discount on the cost) or are interested and just want some information – please join us at this meeting.



## PYG – Presbyterian Youth Group

Calling all youth in 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades! You are welcome to join us for any PYG events this year!! We will be having our regular PYG meetings as usual on Sundays from 10:45am to noon for everyone. Watch your email and newsletters/bulletins to stay informed on all our meetings and events! Please see Sam, DJ or Tammi with any questions

### Youth Events

**Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** – pancake breakfast! Wear your green or orange PYG shirt and meet us in Fellowship Hall between 9-9:30am. We need parent volunteers to help also so please bring someone with you if they have time to help!  
**Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>** – PYG – 10:45am to noon  
**Sunday, September 23rd** – REACH meeting at 10:45am in the Youth Room! PYG 10:45am to noon  
**Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>** – PYG 10:45am to noon



## Florence Gilmour Circle

All women of the church are invited to join us on **Wednesday, September 12th**, at 9:30am for study and discussion of the book, *The Grand Weaver* by Ravi Zacharias. We'll look at Chapter 7 this month.

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**Adult Education will begin Sunday, September 30.** We are continuing a new series from “The Great Courses” called “Great World Religions”, a comprehensive study of the five major world religions – Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, and Buddhism. This year we will explore the Buddhist religion with lecturer Malcolm Eckel, PhD., Associate Professor of Religion at Boston University. He holds graduate degrees from Oxford and Harvard universities. Professor Eckel is an expert on Buddhism, comparative religion, and Asian faiths. His insightful books on Buddhist philosophy include *Buddhism: Origins, Beliefs, Practices, Holy Texts, and Sacred Places*. This lecture series surveys the history of Buddhism – from its origin in India in the 6<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> centuries B.C.E. to the present day. Get your coffee and doughnut and join us at 10:45AM in the library.

## The Odd Tuesday Bible Study is Back!

Our Odd Tuesday Bible Study is back! It's called the "Odd Tuesday Bible Study" because we will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and (when there is one) 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month. Please note the meeting day has nothing to do with the "date" of the Tuesday, but whether or not it is an odd Tuesday of the month, so the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month don't qualify! We'll begin at 7:00pm, and each time and we'll finish sometime between 8:00 and 8:30pm, depending on how discussion goes.

So, in October we'll meet on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> (the first, third and fifth Tuesdays). This year we'll look at the book of Exodus. So mark your calendars, bring your bible and join in! Jim Neumann

## SCRIP

We just received a large order of SCRIP. Please consider purchasing SCRIP for all your shopping, gift giving, eating out needs. Due to Labor Day, we will not be placing another SCRIP order until **September 9**. Below is a list of cards available for purchase today.

<b>Arby's \$10</b>	<b>Kohl's \$100</b>	<b>GQT \$10</b>
<b>Applebee's \$ 25</b>	<b>Logan's \$25</b>	<b>Wendy's \$10</b>
<b>Olive Garden \$25</b>	<b>Red Lobster \$25</b>	<b>Taco Bell \$10</b>
<b>T J Maxx \$25</b>	<b>Speedway \$25</b>	<b>Panera \$10</b>

## Mission Highlights

**Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"      Isaiah 6:8**

Our members never stop saying "Here am I; send me!" when it comes to doing the Lord's work, which is one of the reasons Second Presbyterians are always going to be there when people need them the most.

We received a wonderful Thank-You note from the Chaplin at the Saginaw Jail recently for all of the under-clothes, books & bibles that were donated last Spring. Please stop by the Mission table & check it out.

We collected over \$1100 for the Treasure Audio Bibles in June which we will be able to purchase approximately 22 bibles to send to those in other countries to hear God's Word in their language.

Our annual collection of school supplies has been delivered. I'll have the total number of items donated in the October newsletter.

Our focus for September will be the CROP Hunger Walk.



## CROP HUNGER WALK

The CROP Hunger Walk will be on **Sunday, October 14**, with registration at the YMCA starting at 1:00 pm, and the walk starts at 1:30pm. This year, if our church has three or more youth (21 and under) walking and if they can raise \$250 or more as a group, an anonymous donor will add \$125 to their fundraising total. And \$125 can go a long way toward feeding those in need. So let's give the youth our encouragement to participate and our dollars to help them achieve this goal!

We will have walker and sponsor information in the office starting September 9th, so watch the bulletins for information to sign up. Besides the regular 6 mile CROP Walk, Saginaw County will feature a half-distance walk option, 3 miles, for those with physical concerns, young children or time constraints. It's easier than ever to participate!

CROP Hunger Walks help support hunger-fighting efforts in America and around the world by providing sustainable food and water solutions and other resources that empower people to meet their own needs. And 25% of the total amount raised stays right here in our community to fight hunger and poverty through local agencies like the East Side Soup Kitchen, City Rescue Mission and Hidden Harvest. Money raised through the CROP Walk helps them refill their pantry shelves after the summer fundraising "doldrums". Though the need is always great, so is the compassion of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who we are called to imitate.

**So please join us in the CROP Walk, either by walking or sponsoring a walker from our congregation!**

[www.crophungerwalk.org/saginawmi](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/saginawmi)



# Second Presbyterian Church

## September 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> 9:30 Worship & Nursery	<b>3</b>  <b>LABOR DAY</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Choir Potluck 6pm Chancel Choir	<b>6</b> Prayer Group 8:30am	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <b>Kickoff Sunday</b> 9:30 Worship & Nursery	<b>10</b> Busy Hands & Hearts 1-3 pm	<b>11</b>  Never Forget 9/11 Committees 7pm	<b>12</b> Florence Gilmore Circle 9:30am Bell Choir 6pm Chancel Choir 7pm	<b>13</b> Prayer Group 8:30am	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 
<b>16</b> 9:30 Worship & Nursery 10:45-Noon PYG	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Exercise 2pm	<b>19</b> Bell Choir 6pm Chancel Choir 7pm	<b>20</b> Prayer Group 8:30am	<b>21</b> Exercise 11am	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9:30 Worship & Nursery 10:45-Noon PYG	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Exercise 2pm Session 7pm	<b>26</b> Bell Choir 6pm Chancel Choir 7pm	<b>27</b> Prayer Group 8:30am	<b>28</b> Exercise 11am	<b>29</b> <b>White Elephant Sale</b>
<b>30</b> 9:30 Church & Nursery 10:45- Noon PYG 2 <sup>nd</sup> @ Second						