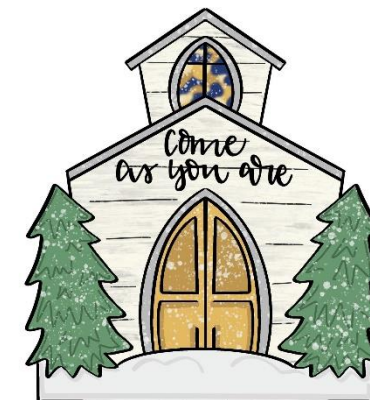


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## Second Presbyterian Church Newsletter January 2023



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

### 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 items and place them on the table in the main hallway on Sunday, January 1. The Food Pantry has requested that no boxes of cereal at this time.

### Lectionary for January

**First Sunday of Christmas - January 1:** Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

**Epiphany of the Lord - January 6:** Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12. Matthew 2:1-12

**Baptism of the Lord - January 8:** Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

**January 15:** Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

**January 22:** Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

**January 29:** Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

### Please keep these folks in your prayers:

Stephanie Bennett	Dick Brown	Sally Day	Nancy Huegel
Mary Jo Mundell	Vickie VonBerg	Myrtle Zeitz	Heather Rousseau
Pat Perea			

### January Pulpit Supply Schedule

Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> – Rev. Dr. Bob Emrich - Communion

Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> – Rev. Ruth Estell – Followed by a Congregational Meeting

Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> – Rev. Ted McCulloch – Ordination and Installation of Officers

Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Rev. Michael Hahn

Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> – TBD

### Office Hours

The church office will be open Monday – Thursday from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. Folks needing congregational care should contact the office at (989) 792-1023 or [secretary@spcsaginaw.org](mailto:secretary@spcsaginaw.org) and the appropriate individuals will be contacted.

Voicemails and emails will be monitored when the office is closed. **January 3 – 13 the office may have fluctuating hours. Sonia has been summoned for Jury Duty. Please make sure to call the office before coming to the church during this 2-week period.**



### Candidate Meet and Greet

The PNC invites all to meet and greet our Candidate for Solo Pastor, Rev. Ruth Estell, on Saturday, January 7, 2023, from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will need donations of cookies, muffins, donuts, etc. for this function. Please contact Sonia at 989-792-1023 and leave a message with what you want to donate

## Congregational Meeting

The Session of The Second Presbyterian Church of Saginaw has called for a special meeting of the congregation for the purpose of hearing and acting upon the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee. **The meeting will be held Sunday, January 8, 2023, immediately following worship.**



## Music and Worship Committee

We need your help!! The Music and Worship Committee is looking for volunteers to help with Fellowship Hour, Liturgists, Greeters and Ushers on Sundays. There are sign-up sheets available so please look for a Sunday service you can help! Thank you for supporting Second Presbyterian Church!



## Sunday School News

There will be Sunday school this year during church service as always, but just 2 Sundays per month in hopes that more children are able to attend. January 15 & 29; February 12 & 26 so mark your calendars! If anyone would like to facilitate in teaching Sunday school this year, please contact Natalie Martinez or Pam Moran.



## Finance Update

To keep the congregation abreast of the budget and financial needs of the church the Finance Committee has a chart on display 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. We thank you for your faithfulness and dedication.

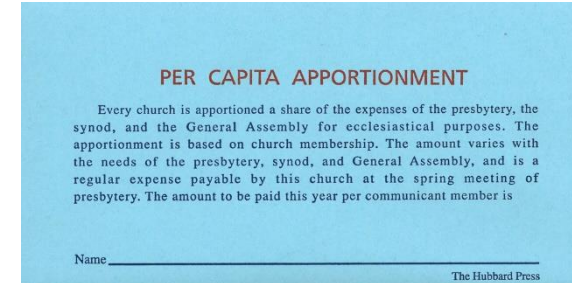
Financial Report as of 11/30/2022	
Income	185,541.28
Expense	208,156.78
Deficit	(22,615.50)

## Estimate of Giving

We have received 46 Estimates of Giving for 2023. If you have not already done so, please turn in your yellow **2023 Estimate of Giving** slip by either mailing it to the church or dropping it in offering plate. We are working on our budget for 2023 and many programs of the church depend upon your Estimate of Giving. Thank you for your faithfulness!

## Per Capita

As fewer people use boxes of offering envelopes, we will place articles in the newsletter if there are special envelopes in the offering boxes. 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 2023 Per Capita for our church is \$7,949.00, which equates to **\$29.77 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.

## 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](http://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!



## MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

**"Go also the second mile" Matthew 5:41**

Thanks to the congregation, we were able to spread some holiday cheer by buying, wrapping, and delivering gifts to 33 Saginaw children through the Angel Tree mission. Thank you!!

**January Mission Focus** will once again be taking a collection at the end of the month for "2 Coins a Meal" to help combat hunger. This is a wonderful program to help combat hunger -- both globally (through PCUSA Hunger Program) and locally (through local food pantries) to help alleviate hunger in our community. We invite you to begin gathering any spare change you may have at home; the collection will be January 29th. A little goes a long way!





## Taking Down the Greens Sunday, January 8

Please plan to stay after worship on Sunday, January 8, 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. Lunch will be provided.

## Florence Gilmour Circle



All women of the church are invited to join us on Wednesday, January 11 at 9:30 a.m. in the church library as we continue our study of “Bad Girls of the Bible” chapter 7, “Knockin’ on Heaven’s Door.”

## Inclement Weather Policy



When Saginaw Township Schools have been 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.

## Rescue Mission Lunches



Saturday, **February 4**, 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. Many hands make light work! We look forward to seeing you as we gather to help those in need.

**Our congregation mourns** with the family of Mary Turner who passed away. Mary was a longtime member of Second Presbyterian Church until she relocated to Arizona. Let us keep the Turner family in our prayers.







Russell Turner  
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Walled Lake, MI 58390

Debbie Price  
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# Second Presbyterian Church

## JANUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship <b>Communion</b>	<b>2</b> Office Closed	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b> 8:30 a.m. Prayer Group	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship Taking Down the Greens	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:30 a.m. Florence Gilmour Circle	<b>12</b> 8:30 a.m. Prayer Group	<b>13</b> 	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship	<b>16</b> 	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 8:30 a.m. Prayer Group	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 
<b>22</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  7:00 pm Session	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 8:30 a.m. Prayer Group	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship	<b>30</b> 	<b>31</b>				