

Lectionary for September

- 13th Sunday after Pentecost – September 7
Jeremiah 18:1-11 *and* Psalm139:1-6, 13-18;
Deuteronomy 30:15-20 *and* Psalm 1; Philemon 1:1-21; Luke 14:25-33
- 14th Sunday after Pentecost – September 14
Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 *and* Psalm 14;
Exodus 32:7-14 *and* Psalm 51:1-10; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10
- 15th Sunday after Pentecost – September 21
Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 *and* Psalm 79:1-9
Amos 8:4-7 *and* Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13
- 16th Sunday after Pentecost – September 28
Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 *and* Psalm 79:1-9;
Amos 6:1a, 4-7 *and* Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31



- The Administration Committee wanted to share a few Session updates with the Congregation.
- During this time of transition, we will be using a new method of collecting prayer requests and sharing them with the pastors filling our pulpit. On Sunday, you'll find a small table near the pulpit with a basket and slips of paper. On Sunday, **BEFORE WORSHIP BEGINS**, you should **PRINT** your prayer requests on a sheet of paper and place them in the basket. Names will not be carried over from one week to the next.
 - Based on comments shared with the Session, it has been decided that we will pause the greeting and handshaking time at the beginning of service. This is then something the new pastor can decide to bring back if they wish. If, however, you have thoughts or concerns, please share them with Session members. Your feedback is valuable as we make decisions like this.
 - The Session has hired the Reverend Ted McCulloch to work in an "as needed" capacity as an Administrative Support Person. He will be able to lead staff and manage staff responsibilities, support Session committees, and collaborate with the Administration Committee on an as-needed basis.



The office will be closed
Monday September 1 in
observance of Labor Day.
Normal office hours are
Monday through Thursday
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.. Please call 989-792-1023 to be sure that someone is in the office before you drive to the church.

2025 Ruling Elders

Administration

Andrea Drapp
Samantha Engel
Tammi Sova

Christian Education

Laura Bosley
Christy Higley
Heather Rousseau

Finance & Budget

Brian McNalley
Karen Kalina
Mike Patton

Stewardship & Mission

Kitty Myers
Ruth Anderson
Linda Mattson

Worship & Music

Cheryl Kelley
Chuck Kemerer
Deb Easlick

Staff

Director of Christian Education

Marsha Bennett

Financial Secretary

Adam Engel

Maintenance Supervisor

Doug Engel

Director of Music Ministry

Thomas Heidenreich

Secretary

Sonia Hoepfner

Office Assistant

Carol Poole

Maintenance Custodians

Gannon Sova
Isaiah Sova



**From the Desk of Marsha Bennett
Christian Education Director**

Greetings, I hope you all are well. August has come and gone in the blink of an eye. With that means Sunday school is coming soon. Kick off Sunday is September 14; we hope to see you all there. Please remember there is Sunday school every Sunday for all kids through middle school. If you are interested in teaching, please reach out to me.

We will have two classes, one for our younger children and one for the older children. A Sunday school registration form is required for each child every year. You can fill out the forms on kick-off Sunday when you pick up your child(ren) from Sunday school.

The kid's connection newsletter for the children is sent out separately to your children, I ask that you read it with them or have them read it as there is fun information especially for them!

Now that my children are back in the classroom, my hours will be Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 10-1 and Sunday mornings.

2nd @ Second News:

Please join us in the library at 10:15 a.m. Sunday September 14 to choose one of the available topics for the adult Bible study program. 2nd @ Second meets on Sundays following worship in the church library for about an hour. A video, or audio, presentation followed by group discussion is the typical format. If anyone else is interested in leading 2nd @ Second, let Marsha or Kitty know.



Second Presbyterian Church 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat for the community is tentatively scheduled for **Sunday, October 26, 2025**. Please consider participating as we will need a minimum of 20 cars to make the event worthwhile. The Christian Education committee will help you come up with ideas to decorate your car. Each car

will pass out candy and will have a game for the kids to participate in. Refreshments will be served. A sign-up sheet is on the table outside of the Sanctuary. Candy donations will also be needed.



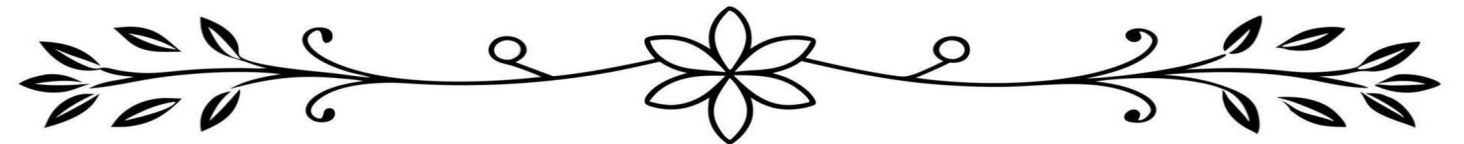
Florence Gilmore Circle:

All women of the church are invited to join us on **Wednesday, September 10**, at 9:30 a.m. as we continue to study "12 Women of the Bible" focusing on Mary Magdalene, while enjoying some treats and fellowship. If you have any questions, please call Carol Poole @ 989-793-7485.

White Elephant Sale:



It's Back! Clean out your garages and closets for the White Elephant Sale on **Saturday, September 27**. You may start bringing donations Sunday, September 21 after worship or Monday-Friday, September 22-26 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Volunteers will be needed to help set up, work the sale, and help clean up. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the gathering area!



Fish Fry

Our Fish Fry is fast approaching on **Friday, October 17, 2025!** Please tell your friends and neighbors to save the date!

We will need plenty of help to make this fish fry a success. It really is a fun event and great fellowship! Sign-up sheets will be in the gathering area in late September. Proceeds from the sale go to the Presbyterian Men's Group, which pays for many of the maintenance jobs around the church.

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

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!





To keep the congregation abreast of the budget and financial needs of the church the Finance Committee provides periodic financial updates in the church newsletter. 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 07/31/2025	
Income	148,569.06
Expense	136,823.93
Excess	11,745.13

Online Giving:



Save time! Give online! If you are interested in online giving go to www.spcsaginaw.org and click the "Give Now" button or can scan this QR code with your smart phone.



Mission Offering:



Each September the "Missions Offering" envelope is in our box of offering envelopes. Any contributions given in this envelope are deposited directly to the Mission Committee Dedicated Fund account and are used for various mission projects. A few of the missions supported in the past using these funds are Community

Village, Underground Railroad, Mustard Seed Ministries, and the Saginaw Rescue Mission. If you do not use offering envelopes, but wish to contribute, simply mark the memo line of your check as "Mission Offering." We thank you for the continued support of all our mission projects.

Building Maintenance Fund:

Over the years we have received contributions to the Building Maintenance Fund, which reduces pressure on the yearly budget to keep our building and grounds in good repair. Because of the generosity of giving to this fund the recent parking lot repairs of \$20,000 were possible. After these repairs approximately \$8,000 remains in the Building Maintenance Fund. Thank you for your faithful commitment.



THANK YOU, Second Presbyterian Congregation, for your generous support of the summer school-supply drive! The summer months mission focus has been school supplies & winter wear. School supplies will be donated to Merrill Park Elementary School. We will report in an upcoming bulletin or newsletter the final tally of items donated once delivery is complete. The collection of winter wear for school children will continue to the end of the year, so this is a reminder to keep an eye out for these items.

The following monetary donations were made from budgeted mission funds & your direct contributions -- your church dollars at work to help in our community and around the world:

- St. Vincent Refugee Charities: \$250;
- Presbyterian Giving Catalog: \$2,487.23;(April 2025 mission focus)
- River Jordan: \$430 from congregational donations, \$363.20 from 40% of Pentecost giving;(May mission focus)
- \$500 each to East Side Soup Kitchen, Hidden Harvest, Community Village, Old Town Soup Kitchen, Rescue Ministries of Saginaw, World Central Kitchen, UN Food Program, and the Underground Railroad;
- \$250 each to McGilvray School for Divinity in Thailand, Near East School of Theology in Beirut, PCUSA Theological Education Fund, and Walk for Hope Suicide Resource & Response;
- \$500 to PCUSA Disaster Assistance Program for wildfire relief.

September Mission Focus:

The September mission focus will be the ministry serving the Saginaw County Jail "It's All About the Cross." Chaplain Andy Cox, (Formerly of Forgotten Man Ministries) will be at SPC on Sunday, September 14 to explain the ministries work during the "Mission Moment." and to answer any questions immediately following the service. Our mission focus will be books for this ministry. Books must be soft cover (no staples) with a positive theme, such as inspirational/self-help books, or literature encouraging inmates to grow in their faith. They also accept puzzle books or magazines, such as crosswords or word searches. In addition to collecting books, we will also donate Bibles to the ministry to help in their outreach to those in jail. For more information on the ministry work of "It's All About the Cross," visit <http://www.crosssaginaw.org>.

Rescue Mission Lunches:

Saturday, **September 6**, join us in the church kitchen to assemble bag lunches for the Saginaw Rescue Mission. We will meet at 9:00 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.



SPC September 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office Closed 	2	3	4	5	6 Rescue Mission Lunches 9:00 a.m.
7 9:00 a.m. Worship	8	9	10 Florence Gilmore Circle 9:30 a.m.	11	12	13
14 Kick-off Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School	22	23 Session Meeting 7:00 p.m.	24 Newsletter Submission Deadline 9:00 a.m.	25	26	27 White Elephant Sale 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
28 9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School	29	30 Newsletter Mailing				

