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Second Presbyterian Church Newsletter November 2024



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



Time Change November 3, 2024
Remember to set your clocks **back** on Sunday, November 3 as we end Daylight Savings time!

Rescue Mission Lunches

Saturday, **November 2**, please 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. Many hands make light work! We look forward to seeing you as we gather to help those in need. **Saturday, November 30 will be the next lunch assembly.**



Lectionary for November

November 1 – All Saints' Day: Isaiah 25:6-9 *and* Psalm 24:1-10; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

November 3: (Semicontinuous) Ruth 1:1-18 *and* Psalm 146; (Complementary) Deuteronomy 6:1-9; Psalm 119:1-8; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

November 10: (Semicontinuous) Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17, *and* Psalm 127 (Complementary) 1 Kings 17:8-16 *and* Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

November 17: (Semicontinuous) 1 Samuel 1:4-20 and 1 Samuel 2:1-10; (Complementary) Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

November 24 – Christ the King: (Semicontinuous) 2 Samuel 23:1-7 *and* Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18) (Complementary) Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37



All Saints' Sunday

On Sunday, November 3, we will light a candle during the service to honor the faithful who have died during the past year in our own church community. It's a day of gratefulness and remembrance for those that have passed away.

Busy Hands and Hearts

Busy Hands meets the **FIRST** Monday of the month. November meeting will be **Monday, November 4** beginning at 1:00 p.m. You do not need to knit or sew to come! Please come and share with us your ideas so we can create items to share with others in our community. If you have any questions, please call Pam Moran 989-792-7388.



Florence Gilmore Circle

All women of the church are invited to join us on **Wednesday, November 13**, at 9:30 a.m. for a discussion following a DVD about Rebecca.



A HUGE thank you to all who helped make the recent fish fry a success. Your support helped serve 394 meals and netted a profit of \$3,600! The funds earned through this endeavor support various maintenance projects throughout the church. **Our next Fish Fry is Friday, April 11, 2024.** We hope you'll help at the next one – we have a wonderful time getting to know each other!

Harvest Potluck

Enjoy some wonderful fall fellowship at the Harvest Potluck on **Sunday, November 10**, at 5:00 p.m. The church supplies turkey, rolls, stuffing, potatoes, & gravy and you bring a dish to pass and your table service. Signup sheets are in the gathering area. Please contact Sonia Hoepfner @ 989-792-1023 or 989-781-0542 if you have any questions.



Harvest Sunday – November 24

We invite you to bring non-perishable food items to worship on **Sunday, November 24**. Please place it on the table in the main hallway by the office. We will collect food items through **Sunday, December 1 (First Sunday of Advent and Communion)**. At this Thanksgiving season let's share some of our abundance to help

feed others.



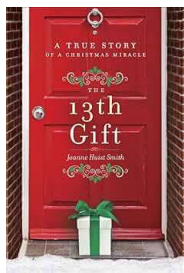
Hanging of the Greens

We will get busy immediately after worship on **November 24** decorating the church. When we're done, we'll enjoy lunch together. We will supply the pizza, and you supply a beverage. Everyone is invited to help!



A Book Group for Christmas

"The 13th Gift" by Joanne Huist Smith



After the unexpected death of her husband, Joanne Huist Smith had no idea how she would keep herself together and be strong for her three children--especially with the holiday season approaching. But 12 days before Christmas, presents begin appearing on her doorstep with notes from their "True Friends." This true story about the power of random acts of kindness will warm the heart, a beautiful reminder of the miracles of Christmas and the gift of family during the holiday season. Sonia will place

a bulk book order on **Tuesday, November 5**. **If you would like a copy of the book, please let her know by that date.** The group will meet to discuss the book, enjoy some fellowship, and eat some treats on **Sunday, December 8 @ 1:30 p.m.** No need to sign up, just show up!



Dear Friends,

Where did October go? Several of you asked that question recently and I have wondered it myself. I am afraid that before we know it, we will be welcoming in the new year. I wish I could slow time down because I want to fully enjoy these upcoming seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas.

It may not be possible to slow time down, but it is possible to live more fully present in the moment, treasuring each day. Psalm 136 offers us a way to slow down and do this. The Psalm begins with these words, "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever." The Psalm continues by expanding on who God is and what God has done. With each verse, it is implied that we are giving thanks to God for these things. Each verse ends with the refrain, "His love endures forever." It can be tempting to skip over the refrain. Why keep repeating it? The Psalmist could have saved the space and saved us the time by just saying it once.

Perhaps the Psalmist knew how easily we forget God's enduring love and goodness. We plow ahead into our busy lives, ignorant of all that God has done and continues to do. But if we pause to take the time to give thanks to God for who he is and for all that he has done, I think this will help us live more fully in the moment.

As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, it is the perfect time to start putting this into practice. I challenge you to intentionally take time each day to meditate on God's goodness and love in your life. A thankfulness to God will naturally flow out of such thoughts. Even if you find that you are repeating yourself, keep doing it. Do not let these days and months just pass you by. Let us vibrantly live each day with a great awareness of God's goodness and love. Let us give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever!

In Christ,

Pastor Ruth



We offer our prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of Ruth Patzick at her passing on October 19. A memorial service is planned for Saturday, November 2 at 2:00 p.m. at Second Presbyterian Church.

Boy Scouts Wreath Sale



November 3 & 10, the Boy Scout troop from Second Presbyterian Church will be in the gathering area after worship to take orders for Christmas greens. The profits from these items support the Scouts going to camps and events all year long. **Delivery to the church will be November 24**. Additional information and orders forms are available on the table in the vestibule. Please support our Boy Scouts.



MISSION NEWS

Your October donation to the Peace and Global Witness offering was instrumental in our support of Mustard Seed and The Well women's and men's homeless shelters in Saginaw.

THANK YOU to the congregation for your support of "It's All About the Cross" Ministries of the Saginaw County Jail. Thanks to the donations of the congregation, we are able to provide 33 positive and uplifting books, 28 puzzle books, a box of National Geographic magazines, and 7 cases of Bibles to Chaplain Andy Cox to use in his ministry at the Jail.



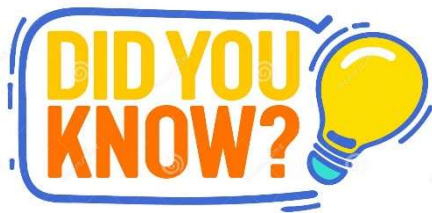
Please continue to look for items to donate to our winter-wear mission for local school children. Items will be collected through mid-November and may include mittens, hats, gloves, boots, snow suits, coats, etc., (for all ages and sizes).

Stockings are on the table in the entry hall to fill for the "I Support the 1%" Veterans' Food Pantry. A list of item ideas that may be included in the stockings is also available. **The stockings will be collected through Sunday, November 10.**



Starting mid-November, we will be collecting Christmas gifts for the Angel Tree mission. Angel Tree provides gifts to children of incarcerated parents. Tags with suggested gift items for each child will be available for pickup at the church. **We will announce the exact date in the weekly update and bulletin announcements.** Thank you for your generosity and support to those most vulnerable in our community.

As always, THANK YOU for all of your generous tangible and monetary donations throughout the year, making possible Missions addressing poverty, hunger, homelessness, and hope in our community, country, and internationally.



- The church has a website. www.spcsaginaw.org
- The church has a Facebook page. Follow us at Second Presbyterian Church
- The church offers Sunday School EVERY Sunday?
- The church offers Adult Christian Education (2nd @ Second) EVERY Sunday?

2nd @ Second

On Sundays at 10:15 a.m. in the library, we will continue our study with The Great Courses series "Understanding the New Testament." Grab a snack, coffee, or other beverage, and join us in the church library after worship.



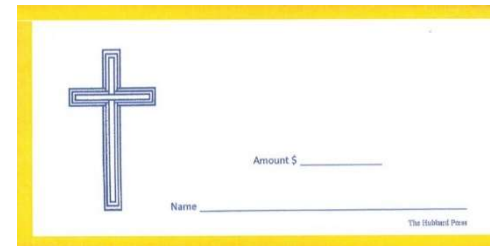
To keep the congregation abreast of the budget and financial needs of the church we will continue to update the congregation monthly in the church newsletter. We thank you for your commitment to the ministry and your ongoing support for the programs here at Second Presbyterian Church.

Financial Report as of 09/30/2024	
Income	178,371.40
Expense	159,904.21
Excess	18,467.19



Online Giving

If you utilize online giving and changed your Estimate of Giving for 2024 you will need to go www.spcsaginaw.org and click the "Give Now" button to modify your giving amount. You can also scan this QR code with your smart phone to modify your online giving.



Snow Removal

Each November the "Snow Removal" envelope is in your box. Any contributions given in this envelope are used to help defray costs of our Snow Removal. As you know, each winter we never know what to expect with Snow Removal! Your contributions are always helpful and appreciated.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH: A SING-ALONG

Sunday, December 15 — 4 PM



The choirs of First Presbyterian Saginaw and Assumption Parish Midland will join forces to lead a sing-along performance of selections from the Christmas portion of George Frideric Handel's *Messiah*, including the *Hallelujah Chorus*. Scores will be provided.

You are invited to join in singing along on the choruses, or just come to listen. Interested in joining the combined choir that will help lead the choruses? Email Thomas Heidenreich at music@spcsaginaw.org



Second Presbyterian Church

November 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Rescue Mission Lunches 9:00 a.m.
3  9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School All Saint's Sunday	4 Busy Hands & Hearts 1:00 p.m.	5	6	7 	8	9
10 9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School Harvest Potluck 5:00 p.m.	11  VETERANS DAY	12	13 Florence Gilmore Circle 9:30 a.m.	14	15	16 
17 9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School	18	19 Session 7 p.m.	20	21	22	23
24 9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School Harvest Sunday (Bring Non-perishable food) Hanging of the Greens	25	26	27	28  THANKSGIVING	29	30