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## Second Presbyterian Church Newsletter October 2023



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

### World Communion Sunday



The Peace and Global Witness Offering will be received in worship on World Communion Day, Sunday, October 1. Each congregation retains 25% of the Offering it receives to use for local peacemaking within the church and its community. 25% is used by presbyteries and synods, and 50% is used by the General Assembly ministries for Presbyterian Peacemaking Programs.

### Lectionary for October

**October 1:** (Semicontinuous) Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32 (Complementary) Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-9  
**October 8:** (Semicontinuous) Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46 (Complimentary) Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15  
**October 15:** (Semicontinuous) Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14 (Complementary) Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23  
**October 22:** (Semicontinuous) Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22 (Complementary) Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]  
**October 29:** (Semicontinuous) Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46 (Complementary) Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18; Psalm 1

### Feeding Individuals Sharing Hope – F.I.S.H.

On World Communion Sunday, October 1, we will have a table set up in the Mission Corner for you to bring non-perishable food items and personal care items that we will donate to the First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry.

### Busy Hands and Hearts



Busy Hands meets the **FIRST** Monday of the month. October meeting will be Monday, October 2 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. We would like to welcome anyone interested in coming and seeing for themselves what we are about. 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.



### White Elephant Sale

Our annual White Elephant Sale is **Saturday, October 7**. You can bring your treasures October 1-6. **Many hands are needed to make this a success!** Please check out the signup sheets in the gathering area to see where you can help. All proceeds from the sale are used to support various non-profit groups in our area and abroad.

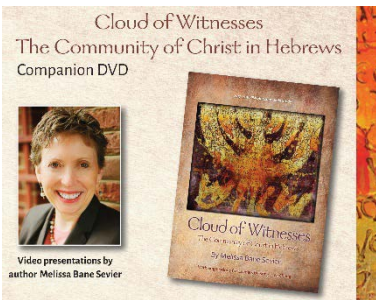
### Florence Gilmour Circle

**All women of the church** are invited to join us on **Wednesday, October 11**, at 9:30 a.m. as we continue watching and discussing the DVD "The Jesus I Never Knew" by Philip Yancey.



### 2<sup>nd</sup> @ Second will be resuming in October!

We will be studying *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*. Author Melissa Bane Sevier invites us to explore major themes found in Hebrews, relate these themes to other parts of our faith tradition, and tie them together with the overarching motif of community. Everyone is welcome to attend!



2<sup>nd</sup> @ Second meets from 10:15-11:15 Sunday mornings after the worship service. The exact start date is uncertain as we wait for the materials to arrive, but please consider joining this time of fellowship and Bible Study. There is no need to buy the book, but if you would like your own copy, you can purchase it by going to: [www.presbyterianwomen.org/bible-study/cloud-of-witnesses/](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/bible-study/cloud-of-witnesses/)



Dear Friends,  
What a busy month we have ahead of us! In addition to everything that regularly goes on here at Second

Pres, we have several extra events – the White Elephant Sale, Fish Fry, and Trunk or Treat. Hopefully we are not sick and tired of each other by the end of the month! These types of things require time and effort from many people. It is my prayer that you would not be burdened by these events but would see them as wonderful opportunities. These are opportunities to get to know each other on a different level. Sitting beside someone in church on a Sunday morning is much different from peeling potatoes together or sorting through other people's cast-off treasures. May this be a time to come together and strengthen our bond as brothers and sisters in Christ.

These are also opportunities to support the ministry and work of the church. The money that gets raised through the White Elephant Sale and the Fish Fry gets invested in the upkeep of the church and in various ministries. Did you know that the money earned through the Fish Fry recently helped to pay \$9,000 toward repairing our roof? And did you know that funds raised by the White Elephant Sale help provide the supplies for the Rescue Mission lunches that get made every month? You can be a part of this!

Finally, these are opportunities for us to reach out to those in our community. We all know that people flock to our church to eat fish and find cheap treasures. Trunk or Treat, however, is something new and we are hoping it brings some families with children to our parking lot. I know this congregation longs to see more children in our sanctuary on Sunday mornings. Let us begin by working together on this Trunk or Treat event. All these events are opportunities to share God's love with our community and to let them know that they are welcomed at Second Pres.

So, yes, this is going to be a busy month. Please pace yourselves! But I pray that by the end of this month, you are invigorated by time spent with your brothers and sisters as we do the work of the Lord together. May we commit these events and our efforts into God's hands. May his purposes be accomplished and may God be glorified through it all!

In Christ, Pastor Ruth



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.

<b>Financial Report as of 08/31/2023</b>	
Income	152,449.87
Expense	134,993.93
Excess	17,455.94

### 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!



### Building Maintenance Fund

The Building Maintenance Fund was established to ensure costly capital repairs wouldn't negatively impact the budget. Over the years, folks have given generously to the Building Maintenance Fund. In the last three years, the roofs over Fellowship Hall, the Sanctuary, and the Gathering Area/Sunday School have been replaced at the cost \$96,950. This was paid mostly from the funds in the Building Maintenance Fund (the Presbyterian Men also contributed) and will result in the fund's depletion. Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to make these costly repairs without worrying about the financial impact on our programs.

The Finance Committee is asking the congregation to prayerfully consider a special donation to replenish the Building Fund from now through the end of the year. Since July we've received almost \$6,200.00 to help replenish this fund. Thank you for your generosity.

If you choose to donate, please indicate it is designated for the Building Fund. Thank you in advance for your continued kindness and support.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Finance Committee: Adam Engel, Karen Kalina, Brian McNalley, and Mike Patton

### Third Quarter Contribution Statements

Third quarter contribution statements will be distributed in early October. Statements will automatically be distributed electronically to the email address(es) on file for each household, unless you have indicated otherwise on the sheet in the Gathering Area.

The emails will come from [adam@spcsaginaw.org](mailto:adam@spcsaginaw.org) with your contribution statement as an attachment. If your email address is on file with the church, and you usually receive a paper statement, you will now receive an electronic statement. Please check your spam folder if you don't receive a statement during the first week of October. Remember, there are many email scams, we will not ask for donations via email, this will simply be an email containing your statement. If you do not have an email address on file, a paper copy will be given to you at church on Sunday morning.





Our Fish Fry is fast approaching on **Friday, October 20, 2023!** Please consider distributing the enclosed flyer to a friend or business and sharing our event on Facebook!

We will need plenty of help to make this fish fry a success. It really is a fun event! Sign-up sheets are in the gathering area. Proceeds from the sale go to the Presbyterian Men's Group, which provides funding 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!

### Suggestions to the Nominating Committee

The Nominating committee invites you to participate in the nominating process by carefully considering the qualifications for office of Elder, and then suggesting names of persons who could serve. Please use the following form for this purpose. You can even nominate yourself! Place in an envelope addressed to the nominating committee and send it to the church. Your Nominating committee thanks you for your suggestions. **Please have your nominations turned in by October 29.**



### MISSION NEWS

Thank you for your outpouring of support in books for the "It's All About the Cross" ministries. In addition to the books, \$500 from the mission committee dedicated funds will be going towards a purchase of bibles for Chaplain Andy Cox to use in his ministry to inmates of the Saginaw County jail. Thank you for your continued support!!



The Mission Committee will be hosting a non-traditional CROP Walk at the church after worship on October 15th, 2023. We will have an open-walk from 10:30 AM-Noon (this allows some time for traffic to clear out). Anyone interested can join us in fellowship, walking laps around the church parking lot. We will have a free-will donation with **proceeds going to CROP. Donations could be made online through the CROP page or in the church office. This is a great charity and fellowship opportunity, anyone interested may walk as much or as little as they please.** If you are interested in joining us, please meet us in the fellowship area following coffee hour.

**At the end of October**, we will also begin our collection of stockings for the "I Support the 1%" Veterans organization. Please watch your bulletins and/or weekly email updates for more details.





# Second Presbyterian Church

## October 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship <b>World Communion &amp; F.I.S.H.</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Busy Hands &amp; Hearts 1-3 p.m.</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Prayer Group 8:30 a.m.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>White Elephant Sale 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.</b>
<b>8</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Florence Gilmore Circle 9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>12</b> Prayer Group 8:30 a.m.	<b>13</b>	
<b>15</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Prayer Group 8:30 a.m.	<b>20</b> <b>Fish Fry 5-6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Session 7 p.m.	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Prayer Group 8:30am	<b>27</b>	
<b>29</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship <b>Trunk or Treat</b> 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				



**JOIN US!**

**Friday,**

**Oct. 20, 2023**

**4:30 - 6:30 PM**

**\$15.00 - DINE IN**

**\$14.00 - TAKEOUT**

**DINE IN & TAKEOUT**

Meal includes: Fried Fish (Alaskan Pollock),  
Potatoes, Coleslaw, Bread, and Dessert



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