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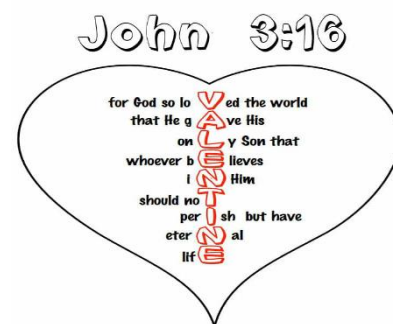
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Seeking and Serving Christ, we are a Place for Growing Christians.



From The Pastor's Desk

Have you noticed the change of all the Christmas decorations with poinsettias and the greens to red roses and hearts in the stores lately? February is a month for LOVE. February 14 will be here in no time. It is all about LOVE. Love is with us, and we do not have to wait until Valentine's Day to celebrate love, God of Love is for us. I used to look forward to this day and wondered who my Valentine would be, to send me a card with words of Love. In fact, it took some time for me to understand the passage from John 3:16, that Jesus is love, and He has shared His life for all God's children. I did not have to wait until February 14 to celebrate such love and to share it. This love surrounds

us each day and it is free.

The message from John 3:16, reminds us of God's love, and to believe in the eternal life Jesus brings to each of our lives. This is the LOVE poured on us, without paying money for it. On a day like Valentine's Day, buying a card at the store, with heart on it filled with chocolate meant to bring happiness and joy will last for a short time. The Love of Jesus is forever and calls us to rejoice always with free love from God.

As you think about Valentine's Day this month, take a trip with Jesus who gave His life for us. Keep sharing the LOVE of God with others.

Prayer: Loving God, you have poured out your love to us through your Son Jesus Christ, who so loved the world, that He came so we might have eternal life. Open our hearts to spread the same love to others. May the Love of God, the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, rest and abide with you!!!

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Philomena

Lectionary for February

February 6: Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13); Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

February 13: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:17-26

February 20: Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38

February 27: Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-43

Please keep these folks in your prayers:

Arlene Besner	Stephanie Bennett	Sally Day
Dick Brown	Esther Egbert	Barbara Easton
Carole Fowler	Vera Dice	Nancy Huegel
Jim Berden	Vickie VonBerg	Pat Perea
Heather Rousseau	Andy & Carol Smith	

Rescue Mission Lunches



Beginning Saturday, February 5, 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 10:00 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.



Florence Gilmour Circle

All women of the church are invited to join us on Wednesday, February 9 at 9:30 a.m. in the church library for fellowship and fun as we study "The Bad Girls" of the Bible.

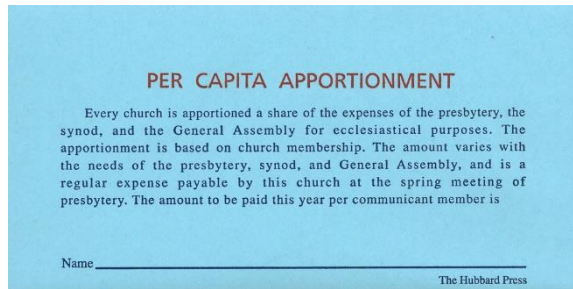


To keep the congregation abreast of the budget and financial needs of the church the Finance Committee has a chart on display in the main hallway with information regarding the church finances. We hope this will give everyone a greater understanding of our finances. We thank you for your commitment to the ministry and your ongoing support for the programs here at Second Presbyterian Church. Thank you for your faithfulness and dedication, with the help of everyone we ended 2021 in a positive financial situation.

Financial Report as of 12/31/2021	
Income	241,718.17
Expense	217,854.25
Excess	23,863.92

Per Capita

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 2022 Per Capita for our church is \$8,207.00, which equates to **\$29.00 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.



Each February the "Fuel Offering" envelope is in our box of offering envelopes. Any contributions given in this envelope will help defray costs of Consumers Energy bills. Each year we spend approximately \$17,000 on gas and electric. If you do not have envelopes, please note on your donation "Fuel Offering" so your generosity is credited to the correct account. As always, we thank you for your continued support!

PNC Update

The PNC continues to review the Pastor Information Forms and have contacted the candidates we feel would best serve the church. We will schedule initial interviews via Zoom according to the candidate and PNC availabilities. Please continue to pray for the Second Presbyterian Church PNC as we continue our efforts to find the best Pastor for our church.

2nd @ Second

2nd @ Second will continue to meet on Sunday after worship with the continuation of "The Story of the Bible" one of the Great Courses of Religion and Theology by Professor Luke Timothy Johnson. Join us in the church library for a time of discussion after watching a short video, sharing and reflection.

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

"Go also the second mile" Matthew 5:41



For the month of February, we are highlighting the **Saginaw City Rescue Mission's Outreach Project, Hope and Care Totes**. The Rescue Mission's goal, through the Operation Hope and Care project, is to provide basic, personal hygiene items to hundreds of needy men, women, and children in the Mid-Michigan area. These hygiene items can bring a sense of relief to those desperately in need in our community. Please use a grocery bag or box to bring the items to church. We will be collecting the totes through Sunday, February 27th.

Needed Items:

- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Nail Clippers
- Large Combs and Brushes
- OTC Pain Relievers
- Bar Soap
- Razors
- Tissues
- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Shaving Cream
- Body Lotion
- Hair Products – gel, etc.

Scholarship Applications

The scholarship applications for interested students will be available in the church office beginning Sunday February 6th. There are 2 scholarships available to everyone, the Muriel Lakey scholarship and the Mary Ann Geiersbach scholarship, and a special scholarship available to anyone attending Alma College.. Qualifications and guidelines will be attached to the application. The due date for returning applications is Sunday April 24th.



Confirmation Class



If you have a youth interested in the Confirmation Class of 2022, please contact Christy Higley @ 989-798 – 6688 or email machigley@live.com.



2022 Directory
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Drive-Thru Fish Fry

Mark your calendars for our second-ever drive-thru Fish Fry on **Friday, April 8, 2022!** Please note, **this date is different than was previously announced last fall.** Further details will follow in upcoming newsletters and emails. Please keep an eye on the church Facebook page so you can share the event!

We will need plenty of help to make this fish fry a success. Sign-up sheets will be in the gathering area soon. Proceeds from the sale go to the Presbyterian Men’s Group, which performs many of the maintenance jobs around the church.

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

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Thank you for your support!

A Message from Collin Whitfield, Director of Music:

I want to thank the congregation, the chancel choir, and the bell choir here at Second Presbyterian for your warm welcome in my first two weeks as Director of Music! I am absolutely thrilled to be starting a new chapter at Second Pres and look forward to nurturing our music ministries! If you would be interested in singing in the choir, playing in the bell choir, or simply offering your own individual talents as a vocalist or an instrumentalist, please contact me at collin.whitfield@gmail.com. If you do not have email, please leave a message with the main office and the best phone number for me to reach you at. We welcome all to share their musical gifts with our congregation!



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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1	2 	3 Prayer Group 8:30 a.m.	4	5 Rescue Mission Lunches 10:00 a.m.	
6 9:00 a.m. Worship	7	8 Finance Committee 7:00 p.m.	9 Florence Gilmour Circle 9:30 a.m. Administration/ Personnel Committee 6:00 p.m.	10 Prayer Group 8:30 a.m.	11	12 	
13 9:00 a.m. Worship	14 	15 Music & Worship 6:00 p.m. zoom Mission/Stewardship 7:00 p.m. zoom	16	17 Prayer Group 8:30 a.m.	18	19 	
20 9:00 a.m. Worship	21 	22 Session Meeting 7:00 p.m.	23	24 Prayer Group 8:30 a.m.	25	26	
27 9:00 a.m. Worship	28	March 1 is Ash Wednesday. Drive-Thru ashes will be available 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be an in-person service at 7:00 p.m.					