

Lectionary for August

August 6: Genesis 32:22–31; Psalm 17:1–7; 15; Romans 9:1–5; Matthew 14:13–21.

August 13: Genesis 37:1–4, 12–28; Psalm 105:1–6, 16–22, 45b; Romans 10:5–15; Matthew 14:22–33.

August 20: Genesis 45:1–15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1–2a, 29–32; Matthew 15:[10–20] 21–28.

August 27: Exodus 1:8—2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1–8; Matthew 16:13–20.

Please keep these folks in your prayers:

Ruth Rye

Reg Rye

Bob Lakey

Shirley McQuiston

JoAnn Hunt

Vickie VonBerg

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Family Picnic & Corn Roast



Our annual Family Picnic & Corn Roast will be on Sunday, August 20 at 4:00pm. This is an all church event held at the Swan Creek Township Park on M-52 and Lakefield Road. We provide the hot dogs, brats and beverages and you bring a dish to pass and your table service. Please sign up in the gathering area, so we know how many to plan for. We also need a couple of people to grill, so if you're willing mark that on the sign up sheet as well. In the past we've had a great time, so come join us!



Scrip Order

We will place our Scrip order on Sunday, August 6. Plan ahead to order gift cards for the new school year and the church will earn rebates at the same time! Fill those new backpacks with pencils, pens, binders, and everything else they need to be successful students. For back to school purchases you can order Meijer, JC Penney, Old Navy, Gap, or Kohl's. We also have these gift cards in the office for immediate purchase:

Applebee's \$25

Meijer \$25/\$50/\$100

Speedway \$25/\$100

Kohl's \$25

Taco Bell \$10

Logan's Roadhouse \$25

Olive Garden/Red Lobster \$25 Walmart/Sam's \$25/\$100

Our mission project this month is school supplies for Brethren and Arthur Eddy Schools so please consider buying scrip for Target, Walmart, Meijer or Staples to purchase these items.



PYG Canoe Trip

On Thursday, August 3, we will be going to Grayling to canoe down the Au Sable River! We are leaving at 8:00am and the cost is \$15.00. Be sure to sing up in the gathering area. Please bring a sack/cold lunch and a water bottle, and we will provide a cooler. We are looking forward to a fun (and wet) trip down the river! Anyone entering 6th grade through 12th grade is welcome to join us! Friends are always welcome!

Tri-City Wood Carvers Show

Come enjoy the Tri-City Wood Carvers Show and Art Sale here on Saturday, August 26, from 10:00am to 4:00pm. This event showcases some major woodcarving talent from near and far. Some folks from our congregation are members of the club also. There are carvings and art for sale, a carving competition, door prizes and much more! Come to see the incredible talent and also to get an early start on your Christmas gifts.



Bake Sale

The women of the church will hold a bake sale during the Tri-City Woodcarver's show on August 26. We are in need of all the talented bakers to make the sale a success! You can contribute your baked goods or help with set up, selling and/or cleanup. If you would like more information, please call Karen Schadel at 799-3062 or Ruth Anderson at 792-0372.



White Elephant Sale

Clean out your garages and closets this summer and keep in mind we'll have our annual White Elephant Sale on Saturday, September 29. Don't bring your items yet, but keep the date in mind!



August Signup Sheets

Sign up in the gathering area to be a liturgist, greeter or usher for the month of August. Please see where you can help out on these last few Sundays of summer.



Gifts Given to the Church

Second Presbyterian Church has been the fortunate beneficiary of a generous gift. We have been given two spaces/crypts at Oakwood Mausoleum in a highly desirable area of the mausoleum. These include the opening and closing costs and lettering of the crypts. We are letting our congregation members have the first opportunity to purchase them. If you are interested, please stop into the office for more details.



Faithful Giving Over the Summer

Even though you may be on vacation this summer, the church is still doing missions, ministry, and programs. Regular giving over the summer months tends to decrease, but your church is better able to operate with consistent giving by the congregation. You might consider doing what many have already done - set up automatic payments to SPC with your bank or financial institution. You can use Bill Pay or any auto pay system that your bank has to submit your offerings to Second Presbyterian Church. Check with your bank for details on how to set up an automatic payments. We really appreciate your ongoing support for programs here.

Our prayers and sympathy go to:

- Ginny Rusch at the death of her husband, Bob.
- The family of Dick Hausler.
- The family of Warda Compton.
- Rich and Ginger Rorrer at the death of Rich's father, Dick Rorrer.



MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

"Go also the second mile" Matthew 5:41

Second mile giving is an opportunity to contribute to a mission of the church in a specific way. Every month we have opportunities to provide assistance to a variety of missions.

This month the Mission focus is **School Supplies** for Brethren and Arthur Eddy schools. Any backpacks or school supplies that we can provide will go a long way. Besides backpacks they need notebooks, pencils, lined paper, construction paper, rulers, scissors, erasers, markers and pens. This is a wonderful opportunity as a church family to step forward and help our extended community. When you bring your school supply items, please put them on the table in the main hallway.



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Don't forget that you can also order Scrip to use at Target, Staples, Walmart or Meijer for these supplies.



Mission Updates

In the past few months, we've delivered about 25 boxes of food to the **First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry** along with over \$100 in cash donations. 25 boxes of food is an impressive delivery to the Pantry and the cash donations allow the Pantry to fill in with items that they need the most. Thank you to all who donated!

Our **One Great Hour of Sharing** donations this year totaled \$2,422! Your gifts support the ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance, resettlement, and community development.

Our **Pentecost** donations this year totaled \$863. 40% of the Pentecost Offering stays with our church to use for at-risk children in our community. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency for Young Adult Volunteers, Ministries for Youth and Children-at-Risk Programs.



Kick-off Sunday

Please put Sunday, September 10 on your calendar for "Kick-off" Sunday. Children will be doing a variety of "mini-workshops" about Creation and will experience all the wonders of God's creation on that day. This is always a fun day for all!



Sunday School Workshops

Sunday school will be starting up next month, so it's time to sign up to be a workshop leader for our 2017-2018 Sunday school year! Our theme this year is, "A Witness to God's Presence". It starts with Genesis and ends with the Church. The Bible is full of characters that witness the very existence of God in their lives and pass that experience on to future generations. The acknowledgement that God exists and is present in our lives is a primary cornerstone of our faith. To know, feel, sense and experience God in our own personal and corporate lives is a continuing witness to that existence. We are called to share that witness. Some of the exciting units we will be exploring this year are Creation, Plagues and Passover, The Incarnation, Feeding the 5000, the Lord's Prayer, Walk to Emmaus and Paul on the Road. There is a signup board in the Sunday school hallway. Please check to see where you can best serve!

In Appreciation

We so appreciate the many things that our church friends did for us during Bob's long battle. Thank you for the prayers, the get well cards, sympathy cards, memorials, and the prayer shawl made by Busy Hands. We wish to thank Jim for his visits to the hospital and for officiating at Bob's service, for Laurel's music and for those who prepared and served food for the lovely luncheon. We cannot express enough the love we felt during this sad time. There is an old German proverb, "Those who live in the Lord never see each other for the last time." We believe this. The family of Bob Rusch

*Thank
you* 

Second Presbyterian Church

 August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 8:30am Prayer Group 8:00am PYG Canoe Trip 	4	5 
6 9:30am Worship & Nursery Scrip Order	7	8 Committee Night	9 	10 8:30am Prayer Group	11 	12
13 9:30am Worship & Nursery	14	15	16	17 8:30am Prayer Group	18	19 
20 9:30am Worship & Nursery  4 pm Family picnic and corn roast.	21	22	23	24 8:30am Prayer Group	25	26 10:00am -4:00pm Tri-City Wood Carver's Show
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