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

From The Pastor's Desk

Very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, carrying the spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the entrance to the tomb, so they went in; but they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. (Luke 24:1-3)

Grace and Peace to you!

Lenten Season will soon end with Holy Week into the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. If you were to take a stock of the Lenten journey, what might have been the list of things you gave up and what did you give in for the 40 days? The answer to this question is personal to our believe in God who sent the Only Son to us then to the cross for our reconciliation and redemption.

May be a special reconciliation with God first and then to one another, then rejoice with Jesus' as He over-comes death on the cross. The stone has been moved away and Jesus has worn the victory. The stone once blocking the entrance to God has been removed forever. Nothing else can separate the love of God. However, if you are a child/kid, you may be looking forward to the "Egg Hunt" and how many "Egg Filled Chocolate" you will find and the joy in counting before eating them. Yet there is much joy in the air for all, with our trust in God who has transformed us in Jesus Christ.

In the Season of Easter where the stone have been moved, so is the season of Spring where we the snow has melted and so we begin to clear things out of the way to declutter and make room to plant. Some of us are busy thinking about what fresh produce, to plant this year or perhaps start Spring cleaning the house to make room or to get rid of things no longer needed. Spring season is not only at time of clearing an area for sowing and planting but can be a time of sowing words of encouragement, to plant prayers in private and for sharing an experience of God's faithfulness.

May the Season of Easter share among us through God, the Father almighty, through His Only Son Jesus Christ, our advocate and the Holy Spirit, the counselor be with you in the Resurrection dawn into Eternal life, everlasting peace rest and abide with you always. Amen!!!

Happy and a Blessed Easter to you!

In Christ Peace!

Pastor Philomena



Lectionary for April

April 3 - Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

April 10 Palm Sunday - Luke 19:28-40; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

April 14 Maundy Thursday - Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 15 Good Friday - Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42

April 17 Easter Sunday - Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26.

John 20:1-18

April 24 - Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

Please keep these folks in your prayers:

Arlene Besner
Jim Berden
Carole Fowler
Nancy Huegel
Vickie VonBerg

Stephanie Bennett
Sally Day
Linda Hancock
Ginny Rusch
Pat Perea

Dick Brown
Barbara Easton
Vera Dice
Carol Smith
Heather Rousseau

Wednesday Lenten Services

During the Season of Lent, the weekly Wednesday Worship service will be in person and live streamed at 6:30 p.m. The focus is The Symbols of Lenten Journey. Below is the Weekly Words with Scriptures:

Week 5-April 6 “The Oil” Psalm 23 & Matthew 26:6-13

Week 6- April 13 “The Coats, Towel, Thorns” Luke 19:29-40



Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday, April 10 @ 9:00 a.m., the youth of our congregation will lead the worship service. There is special music planned also performed by some of the youth. Please join us as we begin this Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00pm

Our Maundy Thursday worship will be a joint service with **First Presbyterian Church at their church 121 S. Hamilton Street @ 7:00 p.m.** The service will be both in person and streamed live on First Presbyterian Church’s You-Tube channel.



Good Friday Worship

The Good Friday Ecumenical services will be held on April 15, at First United Methodist Church, 4790 Gratiot at 12:00p.m.



Resurrection Prayer Vigil on Holy Saturday

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective (James 5:16b). Please sign up to pray together non-stop around the hour from 10:00a.m.-2:00p.m. in the Sanctuary. **Green Sheet:** The green sheet enclosed is for you to write what you would like to bring to the Cross. Please drop it off in the offering box or mail to the church by April 10 – Palm Sunday.

Easter Sunday, April 17 - Worship at 9:00 a.m.

Come and worship with us on Easter Sunday! Our service of worship will be at 9:30am. There will be no Sunday school on Easter and children and youth are encouraged to worship with their family. We will also present the Confirmation Class of 2022. Isaiah Sova, Gannon Sova, Sofia Swope, and Yaw Poku. Please welcome them into the Second Presbyterian Church family.



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 02/28/2022	
Income	36,039.05
Expense	38,059.82
Deficit	(2,020.77)

One Great Hour of Sharing

We will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on Easter Sunday April 17. Millions of Christians join together through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God’s love with people experiencing need. Your gifts will support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance, resettlement, and community development.



Amount \$ _____

Name _____

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above. —James 1:17

Providing access to food and safe water, hope to overcome catastrophe and conflict, and resources to oppressed communities to better their lives.

Online Giving



We are excited to announce we have 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, 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!



PNC Update



The PNC continues to review the Pastor Information Forms. We have scheduled 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.

Prayer Group

You are invited to come to Prayer Group. We meet Thursday mornings at 8:30 in the library. We hope you can come to help us pray for those in need.



Florence Gilmour Circle

All women of the church are invited to join us on **Wednesday, April 13 at 9:30 a.m.** in the church library for fellowship and fun as we study chapter 3 of "The Bad Girls of the Bible".

Busy Hands and Hearts

"This is an update for 2022. The sewing group, along with other members of the congregation, have made and donated (66) hats, (14) scarves, (5) pair of mittens, (1) pair of socks to five schools and some hats went to The East Side Soup Kitchen and Rescue Mission. We have also donated (27) lap robes to three nursing homes. There are various sweaters and blankets in the crib for The Baby Pantry, and two members of our church have received prayer blankets. Thanks to all of you who knit or crochet these items." We will begin to meet at the church again on **Monday, April 4 @ 1:00 p.m.** You do not have to sew or knit to join in.



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. **We will not meet after worship on Easter Sunday.**

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

"Go also the second mile" Matthew 5:41

"Thanks to our awesome congregation at Second Presbyterian Church, we were able to collect a tremendous amount of personal care and hygiene items in the month of February. In total, we donated 11 full personal care totes as well as a considerable number of shampoos, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and other needed items to the Saginaw Rescue Mission's Operation Hope and Care totes -- over 300 items in total!! Thank you!!"

The mission and stewardship focus for the month of April is the First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry. Donations of non-perishable food items as well as monetary donations **will be collected through April 24th.**

Scholarship Applications

The scholarship applications for interested students are available in the church office. 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 April 10th.**



Drive-Thru Fish Fry

Mark your calendars for our second-ever drive-thru Fish Fry on **Friday, April 8, 2022, 4:30p.m. – 6:30 p.m.** 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 are in the main hallway. 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!

Music Notes

Attention youth, strummers, pluckers, and instrumentalists! If you would be interested in offering your musical talents for our worship services, please contact music director Collin Whitfield at the following email address: collin.whitfield@gmail.com. As we seek to expand the variety of music for our services, we hope you will consider joining or rejoining to become a part of our music program!



Good news! Following updated CDC guidelines, your Session has voted to allow masking in the church to be optional, beginning Sunday, March 6. Saginaw County is in the category of risk which allows this now, but please be aware that unmasking is always contingent upon upgraded or downgraded guidelines.

We will be looking forward to seeing your face this Sunday! (of course, if you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, feel free to do so).

"The family of the late Donna Schultz would like to celebrate what would have been her 100th Birthday With a donation to her church where she was a devoted member, volunteer and friend. She will always be misses and in our hearts forever." – William, Amelia, Sarah, Emily, Max, Teddy and Arthur.

Please notify the office if you have an address change. If we mail anything to the old address, we get charged for the returned mail with the address correction. If you do not wish to have the newsletter mailed, please let us know.

Quick Hot Cross Buns
 SPC Special Recipes Cookbook
 Submitted by Anne Menard

2 Cups Flour ½ Cup Sugar 4 tsp Baking Powder ½ tsp Baking Soda
 ½ tsp Salt ½ tsp Cinnamon 6 TBSP Butter 1 Egg

½ Cup Currants or Raisins 1 ¼ Cup Cottage Cheese ½ tsp Vanilla

Combine flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, salt and cinnamon. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in currants or raisins. Combine cottage cheese, egg & vanilla; beat until smooth. Add to flour mixture. Mix well. Knead on lightly floured surface 10 times. Shape dough into 12 balls. Bake on cookie sheet in preheated 425 oven for 18-20 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool. Drizzle or cross with vanilla glaze.

Vanilla Glaze








¾ Cup Powdered Sugar 1 TBSP Margarine or Butter softened
 ¾ tsp Vanilla 2-3 tsp Hot Water
 Mix well until smooth.

Refrigerator Rolls

SPC Special Recipes Cookbook
 Submitted by Ruth Anderson

¾ Cup Milk 3 TBSP Shortening ¼ Cup Sugar
 1 tsp Salt 1 pkg. Yeast ¼ Cup lukewarm water
 1 Egg 3 Cups Flour

Scald milk. Add sugar, shortening, & salt. Cool to lukewarm. Soften yeast in lukewarm water & beaten egg. Mix well. Add flour ½ at a time. Mix well. Place in greased bowl (1/2 full), grease top & cover with waxed paper or towel held in place with rubber bands. Store in refrigerator. Take out 3 ½ hour before baking @ 350 for 20 minutes, checking once.

<div align="center"> <h2>Second Presbyterian Church</h2> <h1>APRIL 2022</h1> </div>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				8:30 a.m. Prayer Group 	1	2 Rescue Mission Lunches 9:30 a.m.
3 9:00 a.m. Worship	4 Busy Hands 1:00 p.m. 	5	6 7:00 p.m. Bell Choir 8:00 p.m. Chancel	7 8:30 a.m. Prayer Group	8	9 
10  <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:00 a.m. Youth led Worship		12	13 9:30am - Florence Gilmour Circle 7:00 p.m. Bell Choir 8:00 p.m. Chancel	14 8:30 a.m. Prayer Group 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service @FPC	15 <i>Good Friday</i> Ecumenical Services at First United Methodist 12:00 p.m.	16 Resurrection Prayer Vigil 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
17  <i>ALLELUIA!</i> <i>Easter</i> 9:00 a.m. Worship	18	19	20 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Chancel	21 8:30 a.m. Prayer Group	22 	23
24 9:00 a.m. Worship	25	26 Session Meeting 7:00 p.m.	27 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Chancel	28 8:30 a.m. Prayer Group	29	30