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

A Message from Rev. Ted McCulloch

Greetings, Friends,

First and foremost, congratulations on call the Rev. Ruth Estell as the next pastor of Second Presbyterian Church. I'm sure it has seemed like a long journey to find your new pastor. Yet it is always amazing to see how things work in God's time and not in our impatience. Celebrate her calling and the next steps in the life of Second Presbyterian.

Also, I want to thank you and many of your people. I have had the privilege of filling your pulpit, moderating your Session, and sharing in some of your congregational life. You have many faithful and wonderful servants of Christ and that, more than anything else, speaks to the health and vitality of any congregation. Congratulations!

One other thing...

I am often asked what is one thing that a congregation can do to help their new pastor. My answer is to let the new pastor be, well, the pastor. You all have big hearts and a strong desire to help. Sometimes that means we think, "You know what? I'll just do this so the new pastor doesn't have to." It's understandable and even commendable.

But often the best thing we can do, is to not do something. As a new pastor begins, they need to find the ways that work best for them. Some of that will be what we're used to having a pastor do, some of that may be things that others have done. In addition, this also allows the committees and the Session itself to work with the pastor to figure out the best ways to accomplish the work of Second Presbyterian.

Don't worry, there will be plenty of ways for everyone to help. I would simply suggest that rather than just doing something (even if you've done it many times before!), let Rev. Ruth and the Session work together and together learn what works best as the ministry and mission of Second Presbyterian church.

Again, thank you for being Second Presbyterian and may the ministry of Rev. Ruth and the entire congregation be blessed together.

Lectionary for February

February 5: Isaiah 58:1-9a[9b-12]; Psalm 112:1-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-16; Matthew 5:13-20

February 12: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

Transfiguration of the Lord -February 19: Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1:16-21;

Matthew 17:1-9

Ash Wednesday – February 22: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10;

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

First Sunday in Lent – February 26: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19;

Matthew 4:1-11

Please keep these folks in your prayers:

Stephanie Bennett

Dick Brown

Sally Day

Heather Rousseau

Vickie VonBerg

Mary Jo Mundell



LENT

Ash Wednesday is February 22. Please watch the weekly update and bulletin for service information.



Rescue Mission Lunches

Saturday, **February 4**, 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 9:30 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.

Busy Hands and Hearts

Will meet at the church **Monday, February 6 @ 1:00 p.m.** You do not have to sew or knit to join in. If you have any questions, please call Pam Moran @ 989-792-7388.



Florence Gilmour Circle

All women of the church are invited to join us on Wednesday, **February 8**, at 9:30 a.m. in the church library. We will continue our study of "Bad Girls of the Bible" chapter 8, "Friends in Low Places" Come for a time of women's fellowship and fun!



Sunday School

Sunday School will be following the Lectionary for 2023. The dates are as follows: **February 12 & 26; March 12 & 26; April 8 & 23; May 7 & 21 (last day of Sunday School until September)** Please let the Christian Education Committee know if you are interested in helping out on Sunday mornings. The members are; Pam Moran @ 989-792-7388, Natalie Martinez @ 989-714-1011; and Laura Bosley @ 989-780-1420.



Boy Scout Sunday and Pancake Breakfast

Boy Scout Sunday is February 19 and our troop is putting on a Pancake Breakfast immediately after worship. Please plan to stay after worship for delicious pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice. Come to support our Scout Troop 321, have your breakfast and enjoy Sunday morning fellowship!

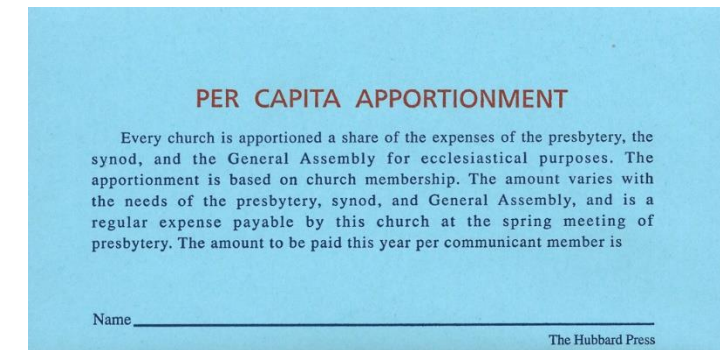
Music and Worship Committee

We need your help!! The Music and Worship Committee is looking for volunteers to help with Fellowship Hour, Liturgists, Greeters and Ushers on Sundays. There are sign-up sheets available so please look for a Sunday service you can help! Thank you for supporting Second Presbyterian Church!



We thank you for your dedication and gifts to Second Presbyterian Church during 2022. The year ended with our expenses exceeding our income by nearly \$3,800.00, this was much better than anticipated in the budget. As you know, each month a Financial Report is published in the newsletter. The financial report is a snapshot of our finances at the end of each month. Each month can vary greatly, depending on expenses and income. 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 your generosity and controlled expenses we ended 2022 with a financial outcome much better than projected.

Financial Report as of 12/31/2022			2023
	Actual	Budget	Budget
Income	215,218.99	199,763.74	205,905.66
Expense	219,015.80	265,408.01	233,269.25
Excess Income/Expense	(3,796.81)	(65,644.27)	(27,363.59)



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 2023 Per Capita for our church is \$7,949.00, which equates to **\$29.77 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.



Fuel Offering
Each February the "Fuel Offering" envelope is in our box of offering envelopes. Any contributions given in this envelope are used to help defray costs of Consumers Energy bills. Each year we spend approximately \$17,000 on gas and electric. As always, we thank you for your continued support!

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, 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!



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

On communion Sundays we collect food for the First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry. We know that it is our privilege to feed the hungry and care for the poor as we are fed and sustained by the grace of God. Please bring your non-perishable food and place them on the table in the main hallway on Sunday, February 26.



Drive-Thru Fish Fry

Mark your calendars for our next Fish Fry on **Friday, March 17, 2023!** We will need plenty of help to make this fish fry a success.

Please keep an eye on Facebook to share our event! In the future, sign-up sheets will be in the gathering area. 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:

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!



Inclement Weather Policy



When Saginaw Township Schools are 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.

Mission News "Go the Second Mile" Matthew 5:4

Are you interested in joining the mission committee? We are looking for more members with a mission-minded heart to join our group as we plan and organize the church's various mission projects through the upcoming year. We meet monthly (by ZOOM throughout the winter months). If you would like more information, please reach out to Rebecca LaLonde or any other members of the mission committee or sign up on the sheet on the mission table.



For the month of February, we are highlighting the Saginaw City Rescue Mission's Outreach Project, **Operation 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 fill a bag or tote to bring the items to church. Here is a list of items that the Rescue Mission has requested. Please bring back to the church by Sunday, February 26.

- Kids 3-in-1 Wash
- Body Wash & Scrubby
- Antibacterial Liquid Soap
- Lip Balm
- Shaving Cream (Men's & Women's)
- Hand & Body Lotion
- Deodorant (Men's and Women's)
- Tissues
- Anti-bacterial Wipes

You do not have to fill a bag; we will take whatever you can donate.

Thank you to everyone for the massive prayers, the cards, the letters and the phone calls during Adam's illness and upon his death. They were most appreciated by Adam, our family and maybe most of all, myself. While I now live on the west side of the state, it is still comforting to know that my Second Presbyterian family has remembered us in the most needed way.....through prayer. Blessings to all of you and thank you again for all your thoughtfulness. ~ Carol Wells ~

Second Presbyterian Church

February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Rescue Mission Lunches 9:30 a.m.
5 9:00 a.m. Worship	6 Busy Hands 1:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m. 	7	8 9:30 a.m. - Florence Gilmour Circle	9 8:30 a.m. Prayer Group	10	11 
12 9:00 a.m. Worship	13	14 	15	16 8:30 a.m. Prayer Group	17	18
19 9:00 a.m. Worship Scout Sunday & Pancake Breakfast	20	21	22 Ash Wednesday	23 8:30 a.m. Prayer Group	24	25 <i>The Season of Lent</i> 
26 9:00 a.m. Worship Communion 1st Sunday in Lent	27	28  7:00 p.m. Session		8:30 a.m. Prayer Group		