

Second Presbyterian Church  
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Rev. Ruth Estell – Pastor

Sunday Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Office Hours  
Monday – Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



On Pentecost – Wear Red!  
We hope that you will wear the color red when you come to worship **Sunday, June 8**. It is the day we celebrate the giving of the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Red symbolizes the “tongues of fire” that were seen that day. We will also receive Communion on Pentecost Sunday, June 8. On Communion Sundays, we invite you to bring non-perishable food items and personal care items to donate to the Ecumenical Food Pantry at First Presbyterian Church. We do so knowing 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.



Florence Gilmore Circle  
All women of the church are invited to join us on **Wednesday, June 11**, at 9:30 a.m. at Sullivan’s Restaurant on Gratiot Rd. It will be the last meeting until September. Please join in the fun and fellowship. Please call Carol Poole 989-793-7485 to RSVP.

The Second Press

June & July 2025

SPC Session Highlights

Here are the highlights of our April Session Minutes. It should be understood that these are not the actual minutes.

- **Christian Education:** Vacation Bible School will be held on one day, June 28.
- **Worship and Music:** As per Thomas’ suggestion, a coach will come once to work with interested musicians. This will be funded by the Jane Irwin Fund.

JoAnn Hunt, Clerk of Session

2025 Ruling Elders

Administration

Andrea Drapp  
Samantha Engel  
Tammi Sova

Christian Education

Laura Bosley  
Christy Higley  
Heather Rousseau

Finance & Budget

Brian McNalley  
Karen Kalina  
Mike Patton

Stewardship & Mission

Kitty Myers  
Ruth Anderson  
Linda Mattson

Worship & Music

Cheryl Kelley  
Chuck Kemerer  
Deb Easlick

Staff

Director of Christian Education

Marsha Bennett

Financial Secretary

Adam Engel

Maintenance Supervisor

Doug Engel

Head of Staff & Pastor

Pastor Ruth Estell

Director of Music Ministry

Thomas Heidenreich

Secretary

Sonia Hoeppner

Office Assistant

Carol Poole

Maintenance Custodians

Gannon Sova  
Isaiah Sova



### 50-Year Members (1975-2025)

Congratulations to the following members of the congregation who have been a part of Second Presbyterian Church for 50 years. We will honor them on Sunday, June 8 during worship.

**Bonnie Engel, Irene Sensabaugh, Jackie Crofoot, Ed Hak, Gail Hak, and Susie Williams**



Dear Friends,

Recently, I woke up early before the sun was showing any sign of rising. Immediately, my mind started to go through all that needed to be done. I also started to rehash the worries and frustrations of the day before. All those thoughts raced through my heart and mind as I stood at my kitchen sink, waiting for my coffee to brew. The darkness outside seemed to match

how I was feeling inside. But then I heard them – the birds. They were happily chirping in the darkness. It sounded like they didn't have a care in the world.

That is when I remembered Jesus' words in Matthew 6:25-34. Jesus reminds us to look at the birds. They don't have a pantry full of food or money to buy groceries, but they don't sit up all night fretting about what they will eat. Their heavenly Father feeds them. If God is so good in providing for the birds, won't he do the same for us? Those birds chirping in the darkness were God's reminder to trust in him.

What worries and concerns bombard your thoughts? Let us never forget that our heavenly Father is watching over us. He knows what we need and he will provide. When those troubling thoughts creep in, let us bring them to God in prayer and let us trust that he is good, loving, and all-powerful. God will take care of us!

Summer is often portrayed as a fun, relaxing, and carefree time. I hope you have some of that this summer, but it might be naïve to think that we won't have a care in the world all summer long. Life is simply not like that. But as those worries creep up, look to the birds. May they remind you to put your trust in our loving heavenly Father.

In Christ,

Pastor Ruth

### Summer Special Music



Would you like to help lead in worship this summer? This summer, while the choir is on break, I am looking for singers and instrumentalists to help with the special music. If you would like to play or sing during worship, please talk to me and we can arrange that. I am happy to accompany you, and can also help you find music if you are interested but aren't quite sure what would be appropriate. —Thomas Heidenreich 513-746-8876 / [music@spcsaginaw.org](mailto:music@spcsaginaw.org)

### JuBellation Choir Concert

Please make your plans to attend a musical afternoon of hymns and handbells on **Sunday, June 8, at 4 PM**. This concert will feature the JuBELLation handbell choir in pieces that celebrate the liturgical year plus festive hymns accompanied by the organ. The concert will be about an hour long and is a great way to celebrate Pentecost and the end of the choir season for this year. Please come out and support the handbells!



### Christian Education Committee

Greetings from your CE Director!

With summer quickly approaching and the school year soon being over for my children, my schedule will change, too. Trying to work and making sure my children are taken care of the best I can, I need to shift my hours to be at church. I will still be in the office on the same 3 days a week, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, but my times may vary on those days.

With Sunday school ended, the children will be worshipping with you. I have put together activity bags for them. There are a few books for them to read, also some coloring and activity sheets. The bags are located right when you walk in the sanctuary. Feel free to take home the coloring sheets, but please keep the books and crayons in the bag and return them to the front as you leave so I can refill them for next week.



**June 28, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** is the day for our Vacation Bible Saturday **“ONE IN A MINION!”** We are asking for volunteers for crafts, snack time and games. If you are not able to help, but still want to make sure we have fun, there is a circle tree with lots of items that can be donated. We are looking for all children ages 4 through 12 to participate. If you are over 12 and still want to help, please volunteer! If you have not registered, please do so by June 22. If you are interested in teaching Sunday school in the fall, please contact myself or any member of the CE committee.





## Missions Committee

Watch for back-to-school specials! For the months of July and August, the mission committee will be collecting school supplies for elementary school children. Any donations of backpacks, pencils, crayons, or other needed items may be placed on the table in the mission corner to be delivered before the start of school. Peggy Donaldson says that the Volunteers of America Thrift Store, 5204 Bay Rd, serving families, veterans, seniors, is having a backpack sale for back-to-school, with nice, brand new backpacks very cheap. They also have clothes & many more items, so a good place to keep in mind for all our item donation collections. Thanks, Peggy!

Many thanks to all who so generously contributed to the April mission project of the Presbyterian Giving Catalog!! Through your incredible generosity (\$2,445.61!!), we will be able to provide a garden well, 5 Mzuzu drills (to drill wells up to 60' deep), 2 rainwater catchment systems, 8 jerry can packs (depending on local prices, 8-80 cans!!), & to round out the amount, 2 sets of farming tools! These gifts will make a tremendous difference for many families & possibly several villages.

The Saginaw Caring Closet has been approved by the Mission Committee to be added to our list of charitable organizations. The Closet is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization started in 2013 as a joint venture between the Community Christian Reformed Church and Growing Years Christian Care Center. Its mission is to share the love of God by giving away free clothing, food, household items and a free lunch to people in need. They are located on the corner of Kochville and Mackinaw (a mile north of the Covenant Hospital facility on Tittabawasee). They are open the first and third Saturdays of each month. With grants from many community organizations, they built a large pole barn, and later a garden with raised vegetable gardens. In the spring of 2024, the church closed and deeded the property and all its buildings to the Caring Closet. In 2024, they served 11,105 people and gave away 79,233 food items and 62,944 items of clothing. It is completely staffed with volunteers.

Donations of new or gently used clothing & household items can be dropped off any time under the awning of the clothing center. For monetary donations or to volunteer, visit [www.saginawcaringcloset.org](http://www.saginawcaringcloset.org)



**\*\*\* The SPC Session will not meet during the months of June and July\*\*\***



To keep the congregation abreast of the budget and financial needs of the church the Finance Committee provides periodic updates. As of April 30th, income has exceeded expenses, however, the church insurance is due in June. Much of the excess will be spent on insurance. 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 04/30/2025	
Income	84,650.97
Expense	65,839.27
Excess Income/Expenses	18,811.70

## Pentecost Offering – June 8, 2025



The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. Our support today helps nurture the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults. 40% stays with

this congregation to develop and support programs for young people. This 40% will be donated to River Jordan Inc. 25% supports Young Adult Volunteers (YAV) serving in communities around the world and growing as leaders through transformative Christian service. 25% supports Ministries with Youth to help guide our youth by uniting them in Christ and lifting them up as leaders and messengers of God's word. 10% is devoted to children at-risk to improve education and provide safe havens.



Each July the “Missions Offering” envelope is in our box of offering envelopes. Any contributions given in this envelope are deposited directly to the Mission Committee Dedicated Fund account and are used for various mission projects. A few of the missions supported in the past using these funds are

Community Village, Underground Railroad, Mustard Seed Ministries and the Saginaw Rescue Mission. If you do not use offering envelopes, but wish to contribute, simply mark the memo line of your check as “Mission Offering.” We thank you for the continued support of all our mission projects.



# June 2025

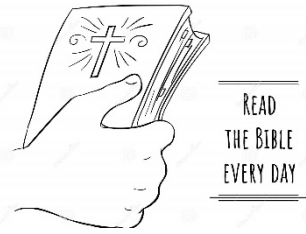
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>8</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship <b>Communion</b> 	9	10	<b>11</b> Florence Gilmour Circle 9:30 a.m. @ Sullivan's Restaurant	12	13	14
<b>15</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship 	16	17	18	19	20	21
<b>22</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship	23	24	25	26	27	<b>28</b> VB Saturday <b>"ONE IN A MINION"</b> 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. 
<b>29</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship	30					



# July 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 	5 Rescue Mission Lunches 9:00 a.m.
6 9:00 a.m. Worship	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 9:00 a.m. Worship	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 9:00 a.m. Worship	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 9:00 a.m. Worship Communion	28	29	30	31		



## Lectionary for June

### 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – June 1

Acts 16:16-34 *and* Psalm 97 *or*  
2 Kings 2:1-15 *and* Psalm 2;  
Revelation 22:12-14,  
16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

### Pentecost Sunday – June 8

Acts 2:1-21 *or* Genesis 11:1-9 *and*  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;  
Roman 8:14-17 *or* Acts 2:1-21;  
John 14:8-17(25-27)

### Trinity Sunday – June 15

Proverb 8:1-4,22-31 *and* Psalm 8; Romans  
5:1-5; John 16:12-15

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – June 22

1 Kings 19:1-4,9-7)8-15a *and*  
Psalm 42 and 43;  
Complementary: Isaiah 65:1-9 *and*  
Psalm 22:19-28; Galatians 3:23-29;  
Luke 8:26-39

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – June 29

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 *and*  
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20;  
Complementary: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21  
*and* Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13-25;  
Luke 9:51-62

## Lectionary for July

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – July 6

2 Kings 5:1-4 *and* Psalm 30;  
Complementary: Isaiah 66:10-14 *and*  
Psalm 66:1-9; Galatians 6:(1-6)7-16; Luke  
10:1-11, 16-20

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – July 13

Amos 7:7-14 *and* Psalm 82;  
Complementary: Deuteronomy 30:9-14  
*and* Psalm 25:1-10; Colossians 1:1-14;  
Luke 10:25-37

### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – July 20

Amos 8:1-12 *and* Psalm 52;  
Complementary: Genesis 18:1-10a *and*  
Psalm 15; Colossians 1:15-28;  
Luke 10:38-42

### 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – July 27

Hosea 1:2-10 *and* Psalm 85;  
Complementary: Genesis 18:20-32 *and*  
Psalm 138; Colossians 2:6-15(16-19);  
Luke 11:1-13