

Lectionary for August

August 1: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12;
Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

August 8: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130;
Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

August 15: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians
5:15-20; John 6:51-58

August 22: 1 Kings 8(1,6,10-11) 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84;
Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

August 29: Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2,6-9;
James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Please keep these folks in your prayers:

Arlene Besner, Stephanie Bennett, Jim Berden, Patty Burnside, Dick Brown, Don and Sally Day, Vera Dice, Esther Egbert, Carole Fowler, Nancy Huegel, Heather Kleen, Pat Perea, Heather Rousseau, and Vickie VonBerg.

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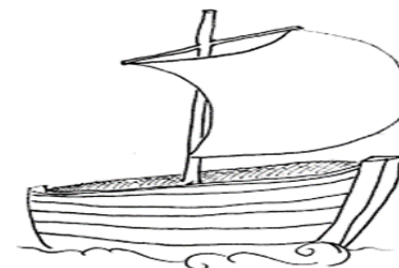
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Seeking and Serving Christ. We are a Place for Growing
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Sailing through the Waters!



It has been wonderful to hear everyone sing at Sunday Worship in the last couple of weeks. No one thought the pandemic that took our time of singing during worship will end. Thanks be to God for a time of praise and worship to God.

Summer is the time when we bring our boats out of the shed and into the water. Especially this summer as we could not do this last summer. Off we go sailing on the water with our family and friends. What about church going on sailing as a boat sailing? Jesus, on many occasions would get into a boat and move to the other side of the lake with his disciples. Imagine our church here is boat off to sailing the waters of God.

First, we need to find out what does it mean to be a church on the waters sailing. A sailing church rely on the power of God at work in us to keep the boat on the water. The focus is on God who gives us the resource to keep our spiritual life afloat.

Secondly, for the boat to move, it needs the winds. The sailing does not depend on our individual strength to move the boat but with the power and strength of God. In Acts 2, the power of the Holy Spirit was poured out onto the disciples to empower them to go out and to do the work of God in the world. What power the boat to sail is the winds of God through the power of the Holy Spirit.

When we as a church are sailing in the waters of God, we do not rely on our own ability to do the work, only through God's guidance. In Ephesians 3:20, "To him who by means of his power working in us is able to do so much more than we can ever ask for, or even think of:"

Thirdly, if we are to have our own oars and try to row the boat instead of leaning on the guidance of God, we may get lost or lose the energy to get moving. However, if we remain in God through Jesus Christ who direct our path, then the power of the winds in the Spirit will help us sail smoothly without getting tired or getting lost on the waters. Let us know that the Holy Spirit is with us now in our sailing, just as it was with the disciples then. May the Holy Spirit (*Ruah*) draw us together in the transition time of our church and our community as we sail in the winds of God who is at work in us.

Let us Pray: Ever present and faithful God, as we sail through the waters of our lives, may we trust in the winds of the Holy Spirit to lead us. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen!

In Christ Peace!
Pastor Philomena



Financial Update



As previously mentioned, the Finance Committee and session, are committed to keeping the congregation abreast of the budget and financial needs of the church. 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 06/30/2021	
Income	103,710.99
Expense	126,076.29
Deficit	(22,365.30)

Offering Envelopes

A great deal of folks have already reached out to let us know they no longer wish to receive offering envelopes. This will certainly help with expenses and create less paper waste! For 2022 we will order a limited number of envelopes, those envelopes will not contain a date or a giving number. Don't worry, we will still track your contributions, as the envelopes will have a line for you to write your name. If you don't use all your 2021 offering envelopes, please consider keeping them, as you can use those in 2022.



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 automatic payments. We really appreciate your ongoing support for programs here.

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

"Go also the second mile" Matthew 5:41

This month the Mission focus will continue to be **School Supplies** for Brethren and Arthur Eddy schools. The Brethren delivery is scheduled during the week of August 16th, and the delivery to Arthur Eddy the week of August 30th



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.

Thanks, once again, to our Second Presbyterian family for their donations to the Forgotten Man Ministries in Saginaw County. We were able to donate 615 books (12 boxes) AND purchase 72 bibles to our incarcerated brothers and sisters in the Saginaw County Jail. Rebecca Lalonde delivered them all to Chaplain Andy Cox at the Saginaw Jail during the week of July 11th -- THANK YOU REBECCA!!

Music Notes



Greetings from the Music Ministry! A big thank you to all those who helped with music this past summer. Your musical gifts are very much appreciated as they enhance the worship experience.

Looking ahead to fall programming....

Chancel Choir - beginning on September 8, we are planning to return to our regular Wednesday evening rehearsals at 7:00 pm, and lead music every Sunday. We will always follow the COVID policy, which is subject to change as needed. At the time of writing this article, we can sing with no masks (if fully vaccinated). We currently have a maximum of three singers allowed for each worship service, however it is my hope that this can change to include the whole choral ensemble. Our COVID committee will revisit that possibility soon. Stay tuned!

JuBELLation Bell Choir - the plan is to resume weekly Wednesday rehearsals at 6:00 pm on September 8. We will share special music on Sundays, as we are able. We have noticeably fewer players than in the past, therefore we are looking to recruit new or returning members. We need YOU. If reading music is an issue, you can learn or review along the way, in this very supportive group of musicians.

Strummers and Pluckers - this ensemble is also making a comeback as we emerge from the pandemic. If you were in this group before and are interested in participating again, speak up! At this time, a rehearsal schedule is yet to be determined, but will happen at the convenience of the participants.

Special Music - all vocalists and instrumentalists, whether in the above ensembles or not, are always welcome to share music during worship, as soloists or in small ensembles. If it is not for special music due to one of the above-mentioned ensembles being scheduled, then you may play for the prelude or offertory. There are many opportunities available.

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We are in the planning stages for a **possible** drive-thru Fish Fry on Friday, October 15, 2021. We feel this would be a good way to ease back into our fish fries. One thing will remain the same, we need many hands to make the fish fry a success. Before we go forward with advertising we really need to know if we can get enough help. We want to put on a great event, but we can't if we do not have enough help. There will be many opportunities to help throughout the week leading up to the fish fry if you cannot help during.

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

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!

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 25**. Don't bring your items yet but keep the date in mind. We will need many volunteers to help set-up, during the sale and to clean up after the sale. If you have any questions, please call Carol Poole @ 793-7485.

Pastor Nominating Committee

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has started meeting and going through the steps necessary to begin the calling of a permanent pastor. Brant Piper from Countryside Trinity Church is our Presbytery Liaison to help guide the committee through the process. This can be a long process as we want to make sure we find the right fit for our church. If you have any questions or suggestions, please submit them in writing to a member of the committee.

The following people are your representatives on the PNC: Billie Bauer, Marsha Bennett, Pete Brucker, Barb Easton, Adam Engel, Sonia Hoepfner and DJ Sova.

Youth News

Our Youth Group is for anyone in 6th – 12th grade. The leaders will be meeting soon to plan for fall so please let them know if you are interested in joining in for some long overdue, (due to COVID) **FUN!!** Contact DJ, Tammi, or Samantha if you have any questions or suggestions.



Upcoming Events

- Office will be closed Monday, September 6 in observance of Labor Day.
- Kick-Off Sunday will be September 12. Details will be in September newsletter.
- Session will meet Tuesday August 24 @ 7:00 p.m.





Please enjoy the rest of your summer! Stay safe and healthy. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday mornings.



Second Presbyterian Church



August 2021

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

Summer Recipes from the 1957 Reba Cookbook

Hot Water Pie Crust

1 C. shortening
1 t. salt

½ C. hot water
3 level C. flour

Blend shortening and salt. Pour over hot water. Add flour and knead. Use at once or let stand in refrigerator and use as needed. Makes about 3 shells.

Pie Crust

5 ½ C. flour
1 lb. shortening
1 egg beaten in a cup, then fill cup the rest of the way with water, add 1 T. of vinegar and mix.

1 T. salt

Measure flour and salt in mixing bowl. Add shortening and cut together with fork or pastry blender until size of crumb resembles large pea. Add water-egg mixture and mix lightly until all is moistened. May be rolled at once or chilled. Makes about 4 double crust pies.

Peach Pie

1 C. sugar
2 T. flour

1/4 t. salt
8 peaches sliced

Mix sugar, salt, and flour together and then mix with peaches. Place in an unbaked pie shell.

Topping:

3/4 C. flour
1/3 C. softened butter or shortening
1 t. cinnamon

1/3 C. walnuts
1/3 C Brown Sugar

Mix sugar and butter together until creamy. Add flour and cinnamon and mix. Add nuts last. Sprinkle over top of peach mixture and bake at 450 degrees for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 350 for 35 minutes.

Mile High Strawberry Pie

10oz of frozen strawberries
1 C. sugar
2 egg whites
1 T. lemon juice

1/8 t. salt
1/2 C. whipping cream
1 T. vanilla
1 baked 10" pie shell

Place defrosted strawberries, sugar, egg whites, lemon juice and salt in large bowl. Beat at medium speed with an electric mixer for 15 minutes, or until mixture is still and holds its shape. Whip the cream to peaks, add vanilla and fold in strawberry mixture. Pile lightly into baked pie shell. Freeze several hours or overnight.