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

On Pentecost – Wear Red!

We hope that you will wear the color red when you come to worship on Pentecost Sunday, June 5th. 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 read in Acts 2:

“ Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit.”

On June 5th we will receive the Pentecost offering.

Lectionary for June

June 5 – Day of Pentecost – Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17 [25-27]

June 12 – Trinity Sunday – Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

June 19 – 1 Kings 19:1-15a; Psalm 42 & 43; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

June 26 – 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

Lectionary for July

July 3 – 2 Kings 5:1-4; Psalm 30; Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 10 – Amos 7:7-17, Psalm 82; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

July 17 – Amos 8: 1-12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

July 24 – Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2:6-15[16-19]; Luke 11:1-13

July 31 – Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

Please keep these folks in your prayers:

Arlene Besner	Stephanie Bennett	Dick Brown
Sally Day	Barbara Easton	Carole Fowler
Vera Dice	Dorrine Buddle	Nancy Huegel
Carol Smith	Vickie VonBerg	Pat Perea
Heather Rousseau		

Feeding Individuals



Sharing Hope

F.I.S.H. On communion Sundays we invite you to bring non-perishable food items and personal care items. 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. We will receive communion on Pentecost Sunday, June 5th.

Busy Hands and Hearts

Busy hands **will not meet** in June, July or August. The next meeting will be in September. If you need supplies over the summer, you can pick them up on Sundays after worship or call the church office @ 989-792-1023 to arrange a time to stop by and get what you may need.



Groups that are not meeting during the summer months are:

- Presbyterian Women (Florence Gilmour Circle)
 - JuBELLation and Chancel Choirs
 - 2nd @ Second
 - Sunday School
 - Session & Committees

The church office will be closed on Monday July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

From the Pastor's Desk

Grace and Peace to YOU!

Our Summer will soon be upon us and if we have not already done so, will be preparing for our Summer Vacation. We will take time of work and spend time with family and friends in our cottages, camping, and vacation homes.

Well in our Church's calendar, we will be celebrating the birthday of the Church on June 5, which is Pentecost Sunday. This is a special day for the Church because it reminds us when God poured out the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and the church, to empower in the faith and to be energized to share the good news to all the ends of the earth.

The symbol of the Spirit, descending like a fire of dove from heaven and filled the heads of the Disciples who had gathered in a room praying. Moved by the Spirit, they began to pray in different languages of tongues. They went out into the communities, preaching the good news of the gospel as they have been empowered by the Holy Spirit.

How then do we as a faithful believers allow the spirit to move our lives as we share time this Summer with our family and friends? There is a strong wind moving in our lives as it did move among the disciples who spoke in foreign languages.

May we enjoy the Summertime spreading the Spirit that unifies, with wisdom, inspiration, and energy to uplift each other up.

So, on the day of Pentecost Sunday, we will be wearing RED not just as a reminder of Spirit but also Symbol of energy that unifies the church of Jesus Christ.

Let us Pray: O Lord, we pray that as the Holy Spirit came in wind and fire to the apostles, so it may come to us, breathing life into our souls and kindling in our hearts the flame of love. Come Holy Spirit fire, blowing away the structures with the wind of change, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen!

In Christ Peace,
Pastor Philomena

Mission Highlights

"Go also the second mile" Matthew 5:41

Thanks to our wonderful congregation, Second Presbyterian Church was able to donate 8+ heaping boxes of food to the First Pres Food Pantry in April. For the month of May, we've been collecting gently used books for the men and women individuals incarcerated in the Saginaw Jail. We will also be making our annual donation of Bibles. We'll have a final count of books collected for the Forgotten Man Ministries in our next newsletter.

Beginning in June, keep your eyes open for all the school supply specials! Throughout the summer, the mission committee will be collecting school supplies for Arthur Eddy Academy & Brethren schools. So, watch out for all those good deals on back packs, notebooks, pencils, etc.

Also, throughout the summer, keep an eye on your bulletin - we will be having some hands-on mission opportunities with the Old Town Christian Outreach Center. Stay tuned for additional details, days, and times!!



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 04/30/2022	
Income	66,602.35
Expense	79,439.16
Deficit	(12,836.81)



Mission Offering

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.

Give Online!



As we approach summer, and folks begin to spend more time on vacation, we'd like to remind you that 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!



Updates To Our Church

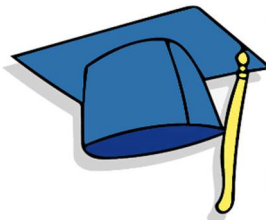
The fence replacement project, that separates the neighbor's property from the church's, has begun. The old wooden panels have been removed and sold. The area has been prepped by tilling up the ground, laying fresh weed block and new dirt has been spread. The next step will be the installation of new vinyl fence panels which have been ordered. We'll keep you updated as the process continues.

Congratulations to the Class of 2022

We extend our congratulations and best wishes for the Class of 2022.

- Jacob Higley – Bay City Western
- Alexis Martinez – Heritage High School
- Yaw Poku – Akron – Fairgrove High School
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- Evan Wilkins – Connections Lighthouse Academy

We would also like to congratulate the Class of 2022 College Graduates that are a part of our congregation

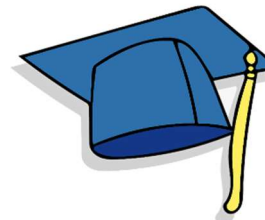


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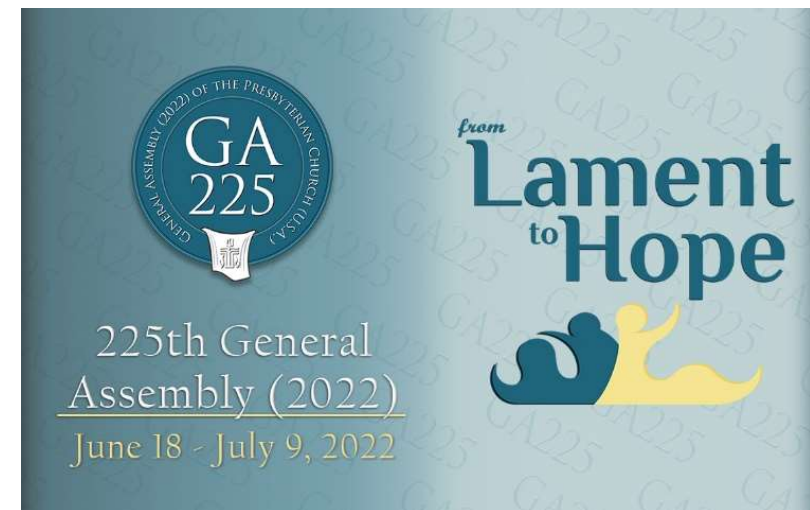
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Per Capita 2022



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