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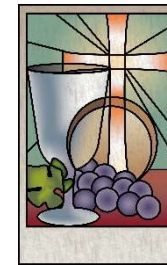
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Rescue Mission Lunches



Saturday, **January 6**, 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.

Communion



Sunday, January 7, communion will be celebrated during the worship service. We hold an open communion at Second Presbyterian Church which means all believing Christians are welcome to participate. We also invite you to bring non-perishable food items for **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.

Lectionary for January

Epiphany of the Lord - January 6: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12. Matthew 2:1-12

Baptism of the Lord - January 7: Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

Sunday, January 14: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20); Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-31; John 1:43-51

Sunday, January 21: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

Sunday, January 28: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

Taking Down the Greens

Please plan to stay after worship on Sunday, January 7, and help us take down the greens. After worship we will "un-deck" the halls. The more people we have helping, the quicker we will finish. Lunch will be provided.



Busy Hands and Hearts



Busy Hands meets the **FIRST** Monday of the month. November meeting will be **Monday, January 8** from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. We would like to welcome anyone interested in coming and seeing for themselves what we are about. You do not need to knit or sew to come! 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, January 10**, at 9:30 a.m. as we continue watching and discussing the DVD "The Jesus I Never Knew" by Philip Yancey.





Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! I find myself wondering how you are greeting this new year. What is going through your heart and mind? Is there a weariness as you give a sigh of relief that you survived the holidays? Is there an eager anticipation because you have something fun and exciting planned? Is there an indifference

because you figure this year will probably be no different from any other year?

As carefully as we might plan out this new year, it seems there are always surprises around the corner. A tropical storm interrupts your perfectly planned vacation and a new health condition interferes with your resolution to start a stringent exercise program. Whatever problems you encounter in 2024, remember that God already knows what is going to happen and will equip you with all that you need to get through the challenges of life.

On the other hand, 2024 might also be filled with some pleasant surprises. Perhaps a raise is coming your way and you will suddenly have increased finances at your disposal. Perhaps you will meet someone who will become your closest friend. Perhaps you will find contentment and joy in life that you never imagined was possible.

I do not know what 2024 will hold for you or for Second Presbyterian Church. But God knows and God will see us through the good, the bad, and everything in between. Let us trust in the Lord with all our heart and lean not on our own understanding. Let us submit ourselves and our plans to God and he will make our paths straight. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

In Christ,

Pastor Ruth

For The Hearing Impaired



The service audio is being broadcast on 96.7-FM throughout the building and parking lot. Feel free to bring your pocket size radio, with headphones or earbuds, and listen to the service at an audio level that is more comfortable for you.

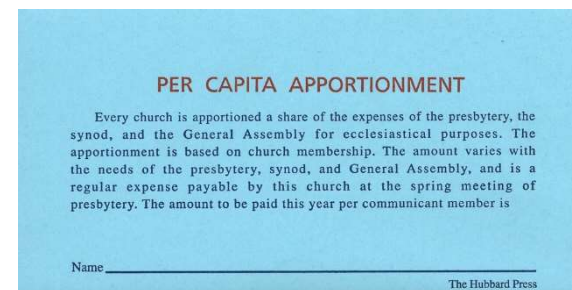
Inclement Weather Policy

When Saginaw Township Schools have been 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.



The Second Presbyterian Church Session has called **The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation for Sunday, February 4, 2024 immediately following worship.** Any business of the congregation or corporation can be conducted.

2024 Per Capita Apportionment



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 per capita for 2024 amount is \$29.50 per member (not per household). It goes to General Assembly, Synod of the Covenant, and the Presbytery. Please mark Per Capita on your check or envelope.

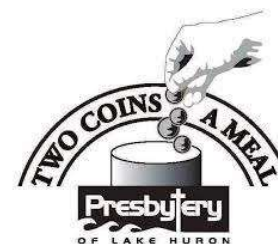
Estimate of Giving

We have received 52 Estimates of Giving for 2024. If you have not already done so, please turn in your **2024 Estimate of Giving** slip by either mailing it to the church or dropping it in offering plate. We are working on our budget for 2024 and many programs of the church depend upon your Estimate of Giving. Thank you for your faithfulness!

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

"Go also the second mile" Matthew 5:41

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Angel Tree Mission. We provided Angel Tree gifts to 55 kids this year. And a special thanks to Pete Brucker, Jim Mundel & Mike Patton for delivering all the gifts.



January Mission Focus will once again be taking a collection at the end of the month for "2 Coins a Meal" to help combat hunger. This is a wonderful program to help combat hunger – both globally (through PCUSA Hunger Program) and locally (through local food pantries) to help alleviate hunger in our community. We invite you to begin gathering any spare change you may have at home; the collection will be January 28. A little goes a long way!

The office will be open Monday – Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. As always, please call the office before driving to the church as unforeseen circumstances can occur.

***The office will be closed on Monday, January 1.**





Second Presbyterian Church

January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office Closed	2	3	4	5	6 Rescue Mission Lunches 9:30 a.m.
7 9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School Communion Taking Down the Greens	8 Busy Hands & Hearts 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	9	10 Florence Gilmore Circle 9:30 a.m.	11	12	13
14 9:00 a.m. Worship	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 9:00 a.m. Worship	22	23 Session 7 p.m.	24	25	26	27
28 9:00 a.m. Worship	29	30	31			