

Lectionary for February

March 4: Exodus 20:1–17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18–25
John 2:13–22

March 11: Numbers 21:4–9 Psalm 107:1–3, 17–22
Ephesians 2:1–10 John 3:14–21

March 18: Jeremiah 31:31–34 Psalm 51:1–12 or Psalm
119:9–16 Hebrews 5:5–10 John 12:20–33

Palm Sunday, March 25: Mark 11:1–11 or John 12:12–16
Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29

Maundy Thursday, March 29: Exodus 12:1–4 (5–10) 11–
14 Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19 1 Corinthians 11:23–26 John
13:1–17, 31b–35

Good Friday, March 30: Isaiah 52:13–53:12 Psalm 22:1–31
Hebrews 10:16–25 or Hebrews 4:14–16, 5:7–9 John 18:1–
19:42

Please keep these folks in your prayers:

Alice Briggs	Vickie Von Berg	Myrtle Zietz
Winnie Bingham	Don Day	Maxine Berden
Deanna Patton	Renee McCoy	

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Time Change

Move your clocks ahead one hour on March 11.

Lenten Soup Suppers and Studies

We're spending some time this year thinking, talking and wondering about God. Who is God? What is God? What is your understanding of God?



We meet on Thursdays evenings during Lent, so we'll meet on March 1, 8, 15 & 22. Supper begins at 6:00 p.m., and our study time will end around 7:30 p.m. Sign-up sheets are in the gathering area. To help us know how many to plan for, please make a reservation by Tuesday of each week. Childcare will be provided, so let us know the ages of your children as well.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast



All men of the church are invited to join in on Saturday, March 3, for breakfast, study and fellowship. We meet at 8:00 a.m. at the church, as we continue our study of the Acts of the Apostles. This month's study begins at Acts 10. Come and join us for breakfast, study and fellowship!

Florence Gilmour Circle



All women of the church are invited to join us on Wednesday, March 14th, at 9:30am for study and discussion of the book, *The Grand Weaver* by Ravi Zacharias. We'll look at Chapter 4 this month.



Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00pm

Our Maundy Thursday worship on March 29 at 7:00pm, is a Service of Tenebrae. This is a solemn fourth century observance of the Lord's Supper. This service involves extinguishing candles as a reminder of the darkness that covered the face of the earth after the Passion and Crucifixion of Jesus Christ. We invite you to come celebrate the meal that Jesus shared with his disciples in the Upper Room.

Good Friday Worship

The Good Friday Ecumenical services will be held on March 30 at First United Methodist Church, 4790 Gratiot. There are two ½ hour services at 12:00pm and 12:30pm. You can attend either or stay for both services.



Easter Sunday Worship at 9:30am

Come and worship with us on Easter Sunday! Our service of worship will be at 9:30am. There will be no Sunday school on Easter and children and youth are encouraged to worship with their family. Nursery is available.



2018 Per Capita Apportionment

Every year our Per Capita Apportionment for ecclesiastical expenses comes due. 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 2018 per capita amount is \$26.94 per member (not per household). It 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.



Annual Chili and Soup Cook-Off Sunday, March 11th at 5pm!

Our Youth Group will again be hosting a Chili and Soup Cook-Off this year!! Whether you want to put your chili or soup (or both ☺) in the running for the “Best at Second Pres” or you want to come and enjoy a hot dinner of a variety of chili and soup - mark your calendar for Sunday, March 11th at 5pm. Tickets will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 10 and under. Tickets are on sale now! Come see us after church if you have questions or need more information! This is a fantastic event with great food and very laid back fellowship!



One Great Hour of Sharing

We will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on Palm Sunday, March 25. Millions of Christians join together through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts for people around the world to find hope for a brighter future. Your gifts will support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance, resettlement, and community development.

Food Pantry

On Palm Sunday, March 25, we will celebrate Communion. On communion Sundays we invite you to bring food and personal care items for the 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.



Easter Lilies



We will decorate our sanctuary this year with Easter lilies for the Easter Sunday service. If you would like to order one in honor or memory of someone, there is a sign-up sheet in the office. Flowers are \$10 each and *must be ordered by March 12th*.

2nd @ Second Adult Education



We will be finishing up our study of Islam on Sunday, March 4 with a lecture entitled "The Future of Islam". We have all found this series to be very intellectually stimulating and educational!

Beginning March 11 we will be looking at the lectionary readings every Sunday (except Palm Sunday, Easter, and Mother's day) until May 20. Come join us with your coffee and donut in the library at 10:45AM for exciting conversation!



Sunday School News

There will be no Sunday school classes on Palm Sunday and Easter. Children and youth are encouraged to worship with their families.

The children will be **singing in church on Palm Sunday**, March 25. We will practice on March 11 and March 18 during the Sunday school time. The music/words for the song/songs will be sent home on March 11. We hope the children will be here to practice and then be here on Palm Sunday! It will be great to hear your voices praising God together with song!!

Youth Events



Sunday, March 4th – PYG 10:45am to noon

Sunday, March 11th – Chili/Soup Cook-off ! Please meet us in Fellowship Hall at 4pm to set up. Be sure to bring a dessert to share with our guests! Please wear your orange or green PYG shirt to this event

Sunday, March 18th – PYG 10:45am to noon

Sunday, March 25th – PYG Bowling!! Watch your email and bulletins for details!

Sunday, April 1st – no PYG – Happy Easter!! Enjoy the day with your family!

Fish Fry Dinner!

Saginaw's best fish dinner will be held here on Friday, March 16. Enjoy our "secret recipe" fish along with roasted potatoes, coleslaw, beverage and dessert. Dine here from 5:00pm to 6:30pm or take some home to enjoy!
Adults \$11, Take Outs \$10
Kids 5-11 \$5, under 5 free

Fish Fry & Bake Sale Signup Sheets

Please consider signing up to help at the spring Fish Fry on Friday, March 16. To make this event successful we need lots of help. There is a lot of fun to be had working at this event! The proceeds go to the Presbyterian Men's Group and they do most of the maintenance jobs around the church. Check the signup sheets in the gathering area for the Fish Fry and the Bake Sale to see where you can help.



Scholarship Applications

Applications are in the church office for the MaryAnn Geiersbach, the Muriel Lakey and the Alma College Scholarships. We also have information on the McCabe Scholarship. Please return your application by March 11, 2018.



Busy Hands and Hearts

Our Busy Hands ministry group reaches out to our community by making lap quilts, hats, mittens and other items for local shelters. You do not have to sew or knit to join in. We will meet on Monday, March 5, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. If you need more information please contact Ruth Anderson.

Mission News

"Go also the second mile" - Matthew 5:4



The Stewardship and Mission Committee of the church wants you to know about opportunities to provide assistance to a variety of missions. You can be involved by donating your time, talent & treasure to a number of worthy missions.

Our March Mission Focus will be collecting items for the **Old Town Baby Pantry**. Please pick up a list of needed items to donate to this wonderful organization & help give these mothers & fathers a helping hand with their new blessings. These gifts will be collected until March 31st.

Here's a Big Presbyterian Thank You to all who donated to the Saginaw Rescue Mission's Operation Hope & Care Totes in February. Your gifts mean so much!

If anyone has a question or suggestion for our Missions Committee, please let us know. Talk to us, or send an email. Linda Mattson (stepoffaithlkm@charter.net), Dick & Gerry Brown, Doug Byron, Jim Mundell, Suzanne Gammon, Kitty Myers, Barbara Easton.

"And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'" Matthew 25:40

Job Posting - Secretary

We are seeking to fill a Secretary position. This position is a 24 hour per week position. Compensation will be based on qualifications and experience. The application and job description is available in the church office. Please see Ed Hak, Karen Schadel, Patty Robertson or Jim Neumann for more information.

Scrip Program

We are not going to participate in the Scrip Program during the time we are without a secretary. In the meantime, we have some gift cards available for purchase in the office.

Wendy's \$10

Walmart \$25/\$100

TJ Maxx/Marshalls \$25

Olive Garden \$10/\$25

Panera Bread \$10

Taco Bell \$10

Vacation Bible School is Coming Soon!



Mark your calendar for the week of June 18 – 22 as VBS will experience being Shipwrecked! But wait – Jesus recues! Jesus recues us through life's storms. Shipwrecked VBS is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Sciencey-fun Gizmos, team-building games, cool Bible songs (my favorite part!), and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life! It will be a very fun week! Forms for registration and adult help will be in the Sunday school hallway after Easter.

Thank You!

Dear Jim, Staff and Congregation,

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards & concern during my recovery from foot surgery.

I also appreciated the jokes and teasing! It really helped with my attitude!

I'm so thankful to be a part of such a caring & loving church.

Deanna Patton

Gift Given to the Church

Second Presbyterian Church has been the fortunate beneficiary of a generous gift. We have been given two spaces/crypts at Oakwood Mausoleum in a highly desirable area of the mausoleum. These include the opening and closing costs and lettering of the crypts. If you are interested, please stop into the office for more details.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<i>Seeking and Serving Christ We are a Place for Growing Christians</i>			1 8:30am Prayer Group 6:00pm Lenten Supper & Study	2 11:00am Exercise	3 8:00am Men's Breakfast 
4 9:30am Worship & Nursery 2 nd @Second PYG 10:45a - noon	5 Busy Hands 1:00pm -3:00pm 	6 2:00pm Exercise	7 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Chancel	8 8:30am Prayer Group 6:00pm Lenten Supper & Study	9 11:00am Exercise	10
11 9:30am  Worship & Nursery 2 nd @ Second 5pm Chili/Soup Cook-off	12	13 2:00pm Exercise Committee Night	14 9:30am - Florence Gilmour Circle 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Chancel	15 8:30am Prayer Group 6:00pm Lenten Supper & Study	16 11:00am Exercise Fish Fry 5:00 - 6:30pm	17
18 9:30am Worship & Nursery 2 nd @ Second PYG 10:45a - noon	19	20 2:00pm Exercise	21 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Chancel	22 8:30am Prayer Group 6:00pm Lenten Supper & Study	23 11:00am Exercise	24 
25  9:30am Worship & Nursery PYG - Bowling	26	27 2:00pm Exercise  7:00pm Session	28 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Chancel	29 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship	30 <i>Good Friday</i> Ecumenical Services at First United Methodist 12:00 & 12:30 pm	31