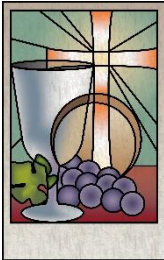


POSTMASTER: Send Address Changes to:
SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER
2665 MIDLAND ROAD, SAGINAW, MI. 48603-3448

Ash Wednesday is February 18.
A combined service with First Presbyterian Church will be @ 7:00 p.m. at Second Presbyterian Church.



Sunday, February 22 is the 1st Sunday in Lent. 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.

All women of the church are invited to join us on **Wednesday, February 11,** at 9:30 a.m. as we continue to study “12 Women of the Bible” focusing on “Women at the Well.”, while enjoying some treats and fellowship. If you have any questions, please call Carol Poole @ 989-793-7485.



Boy Scout Sunday and Pancake Breakfast:
Boy Scout Sunday is February 15 and our troop is putting on a Pancake Breakfast immediately after worship. Please plan to stay after the worship service for delicious pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice. Come to support Scout Troop 304, have your breakfast and enjoy Sunday morning fellowship!



2026 Ruling Elders

Administration

Samantha Engel
Tammi Sova
Andrea Drapp

Christian Education

Christy Higley
Heather Rousseau
Genie Herter

Finance & Budget

Karen Kalina
Mike Patton
Mary Smith

Stewardship & Mission

Billie Bauer
Linda Mattson
Kitty Myers

Worship & Music

Chuck Kemerer
Deb Easlick
Adam Engel

Staff

Director of Christian Education

Marsha Bennett

Financial Secretary

Adam Engel

Maintenance Supervisor

Doug Engel

Director of Music Ministry

Thomas Heidenreich

Secretary

Sonia Hoepfner

Office Assistant

Carol Poole

Maintenance Custodians

Gannon Sova
Isaiah Sova

**From the Desk of Marsha Bennett
Christian Education Director**



Grace and peace to you!

Moving through this time of transition together, I am grateful for the many ways God continues to work through our church.

As this year is now underway, I have challenged the children to read their Bibles every day. So, I want to challenge you to read yours every day as well. This is a great way to have family time or quiet screen free time.

We are having a great time at Sunday school. If you know someone who is looking for a church home, bring them along! If you are interested in teaching, please sign up. We have two classes most Sundays, so we need two teachers. There is a sign-up sheet in the Sunday school hallway.

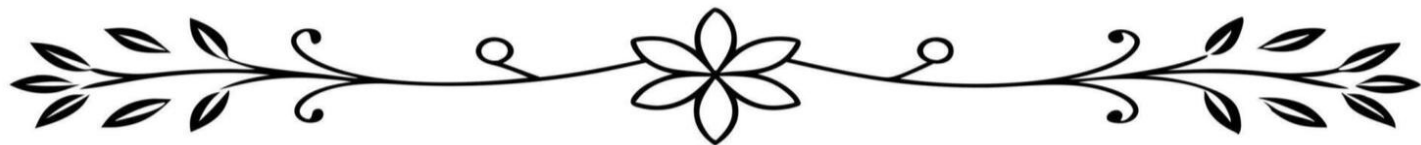
If you have signed up to teach, your lesson is printed for you labeled with your name and date. You can find them in the Sunday school hallway, in the "teachers' corner." All materials including lesson plan, worksheets, and craft supplies are provided. Please reach out to me either by email – christianeducation@spcsaginaw.org or by phone @989-792-1023 during my scheduled office hours office Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 10-1, if you have any questions or special requests. I am also available Sunday mornings.

Parents, please remember there is Sunday school every Sunday for all kids four and up. Please come to the classroom to pick up your child after service.

If you have a child that attends Sunday school, they should receive "The kid's connection." It is a special newsletter especially for your child. It is sent out separately to your children, I ask that you read it with them or have them read it as there is information especially for them! If your child does not receive the newsletter and you would like them to, please reach out to me.

2nd @ Second:

2nd @ Second meets after worship promptly at 10:15 and should be wrap up by 11:30. Grab your snack and drink and join us in the library.



On Sunday's, the church doors will be open to the congregation at 8:15 a.m. Should you have a special circumstance that requires earlier access to the church, (Communion servers, musical guests, etc.) please contact the church office to make arrangements during office hours. **The office is open Monday through Thursday 10:00**

a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) but, as unforeseen circumstances may occur, please call 989-792-1023 to be sure that someone is in the office before you drive to the church.

Missions &



For the month of February, we are highlighting the Saginaw City Rescue Mission's Outreach Project, **Operation Hope and Care Totes**. The Rescue Mission's goal, is to provide basic, personal hygiene items to hundreds of needy men, women, and children in the Mid-Michigan area.

Bags for donations are available on the mission table. Here is a list of items that the Rescue Mission has requested. Please note, the Rescue Mission requests only standard size items, **not travel size**. Please bring items to the church by Sunday, February 22.

- Body Wash & Shower Puff
- Antibacterial Liquid Soap
- Bar Soap
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Shaving Cream & Razor (Men's & Women's)
- Hairbrushes & Combs
- Hand & Body Lotion
- Deodorant (Men's and Women's)
- Tissues
- Baby Wipes
- Toothpaste (Children's and Adult)

You do not have to fill a bag; we will take whatever you can donate.



January Mission

Thank you to those who donated to "Two Coins a Meal" program to help combat hunger – both globally (through PCUSA Hunger Program) and locally (through local food pantries). **An update on donated amount will be in the March newsletter.**

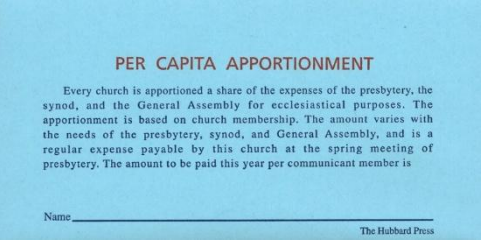




We thank you for your dedication and gifts to Second Presbyterian Church during 2025. The year ended with income exceeding expenses by nearly \$51,000.00, this was much better than budgeted. We thank you for your commitment to the ministry and your ongoing support for the programs here at Second Presbyterian Church. Thank you for your faithfulness and dedication, with the help of your generosity and controlled expenses we ended 2025 on a very positive note. This excess will help in 2026 if income or expenses are not according to budget.

Financial Report as of 12/31/2025			2026
	Actual	Budget	Proposed Budget
Income	255,343.71	247,000.00	242,000.00
Expense	203,884.53	247,000.00	242,000.00
Excess Income/Expense	51,459.18	0.00	0.00

Per Capita:



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 2026 Per Capita for our church is \$7,840.00, which equates to **\$35.00 per member** (not per household). This 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.

Fuel Offering:



Each February the “Fuel Offering” envelope is in our box of offering envelopes. Any contributions given in this envelope are used to help defray costs of Consumers Energy bills. On average, we spend \$16,000 annually on gas and electricity. As always, we thank you for your continued support!

Give Online:



Remember, if you changed your Estimate of Giving for 2026, and give online, you'll need to update your information online. You can scan this QR code with your smart phone to change or 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!



Fourth Quarter Contribution Statements:

Fourth quarter contribution statements were distributed by email on January 17, 2026, to those with an email address on file. The emails came from adam@spcsaginaw.org with your contribution statement as an attachment. Please check your junk or spam folders if you didn't receive a statement. Paper statements have been distributed to those requesting paper copies. Remember, there are many email scams, we will not ask for donations via email, this is simply an email containing your statement.



Fish Fry – Save the Date:

Our next Fish Fry is 50 days way! Please mark your calendars for **Friday, March 20, 2026!** We always need help to make our fish fries a great success. Proceeds from the sale go to the Presbyterian Men's Group, which performs many of the maintenance jobs around the church.

This is a wonderful time of fellowship! Thank you for your support!




The fish fry crew needs someone to learn our “Potato Process.” We have a few people who know how to make our secret recipe potatoes, but we need more. This involves working the fish fries, typically on the third Friday of March and October. If you are willing to take on this perfect potato position please see Linda or Alan Poplewski





February 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School	9	10	11 Florence Gilmore Circle 9:30 a.m.	12	13	14 
15 9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School Boy Scout Sunday & Pancake Breakfast	16	17	18 Ash Wednesday 7:00 p.m. 	19	20	21
22 9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School  Communion	23	24 Session 7:00 p.m.	25	26	27	28 Rescue Mission Lunches 9:00 a.m.

