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

Office Hours

Pastor Ruth will continue her vacation through Wednesday 9/6/2023. Please call the office @ 989-792-1023 for pastoral care. 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.



The office will be closed on Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day.

Lectionary for September

September 3: (semicontinuous) Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28 (**complementary**) Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8

September 10: (semicontinuous) Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20 (**complementary**) Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40

September 17: (semicontinuous) Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35 (**complementary**) Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13

September 24: (semicontinuous) Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16 (**complementary**) Jonah 3:10 – 4:11; Psalm 145:1-8

Please keep these folks in your prayers:

Stephanie Bennett
Heather Rousseau
Lenny Fowler

Dick Brown
Vickie Von Berg
Sam Egbert

Matthew Robertson
MaryJo Mundell

Kick-off Sunday



Sunday, September 17, we will “Kick-off” the New Church Year with crafts, food, and a Ministry Fair that will be fun for the whole family. Please mark your calendars, invite friends and family, and come to church to celebrate the start of the New Church Year. Check the Weekly Update or Sunday bulletin announcements for details in the coming weeks.

We Invite You to Join Second Presbyterian Church

If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to join Second Presbyterian Church. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the sign-up table, mark the Fellowship Pad, or call the church office (792-1023) to let us know you're interested. If you have questions, please talk with Pastor Ruth.



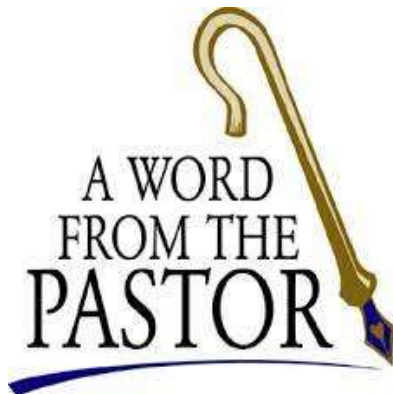
Substitute Pulpit Supply Schedule

- September 3 – Rev. Michael Hahn (Pastor Ruth is on vacation)
- September 24 – Rev Jim Neumann (Pastor Ruth will be @ a seminar)



Rescue Mission Lunches

Saturday, **September 2**, please join us in the church kitchen to assemble bag lunches for the Saginaw Rescue Mission. On the first Sunday of each month, we provide a bag lunch for the Rescue Mission which is assembled the day before in our church kitchen. We meet at 9:30 a.m. in the church kitchen to visit and share in the work of making sandwiches and lunches for those struggling with hunger. Many hands make light work! Next month's day to assemble lunches will be **Saturday, September 30**.



Dear friends,

It is not every day that the church is full of activity at 8:00 in the morning. But that is how it was on Sunday, August 13 when we met for Collin's farewell breakfast reception. Activity in the church started around 7:00 AM as people arrived to get things set up. The sounds of people working together, eating together, and enjoying each other's company warmed my heart. I wish our church was filled with those sounds every day...but not necessarily at 7:00 in the morning!

It is good to be a part of the family of God! We might have our differences at times, but we work through it. Our bond as brothers and sisters in Christ is stronger than our differences or misunderstandings. And the blessings far outweigh any annoyances and hassles that are a part of every family. Thank you for being my family and for being a part of the Second Presbyterian Church family! As I recently mentioned in a sermon, we are all one in Christ Jesus! (Galatians 3:29)

As I write this, plans are being made for Kick-Off Sunday on September 17. Please mark your calendars and perhaps even invite a family member or friend to come to church with you. It will be a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a time of fellowship after the worship service. You will also have a chance to explore other ways that you might take part in the life of this congregation. We worship God together on Sunday mornings, but our worship extends beyond that. We continue to worship and honor God as we make sandwiches for the rescue mission, gather for a meeting, mow the church lawn, or care for one another over a cup of coffee during fellowship hour. Let us continue to do these things, bringing glory to God as we fully embrace being family!

In Christ,
Pastor Ruth



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, October 7**. Don't bring your items yet but keep the date in mind. All proceeds from the sale are used to support many non-profit groups in our area and abroad.

Attention Youth Alumni

If you were a member of PYG(Presbyterian Youth Group) at Second Pres., a member that graduated High School, a scholarship recipient, or a parent of one, we would love for you to check in and let us know what you're (they're) doing now! Please respond by email @ secretary@spcsaginaw.org.

Busy Hands and Hearts



Please come to the church **Monday, September 11 @ 1:00 p.m.** and find out what this group is all about. The group makes lap-ropes, hats, scarves, and other items which are donated to area schools and nursing homes. You do not have to sew or knit to join in the fun. 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, September 13**, at 9:30 a.m. in the church library. As a Presbyterian Women's group, we meet once a month and enjoy spending time together as we get to know each other. At this first meeting, we will decide what we would like to focus on for the new church year.



Fish Fry – Save the Date!



It's not too early to plan! Please mark your calendars for our next Fish Fry on **Friday, October 20, 2023!** We always need help to make our fish fries a great success. Proceeds from the sale go to the Presbyterian Men's Group, which pays for many of the maintenance jobs around the church. Most recently the

Presbyterian Men contributed \$9,000.00 towards our new roof, this was made possible by your hard work on the fish fries!

Music Director Search Committee

The Session has selected the Music Director Search Committee who will work in collaboration with a committee from First Presbyterian Church. The position has been posted on both the American Guild of Organists and Presbyterian Association of Musicians. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue the search. The Second Pres Committee is:

- Fred Herter
- Deanna Patton
- Bruce Smith
- Sally Carney
- Samantha Engel



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 07/31/2023	
Income	134,808.47
Expense	119,754.13
Excess	15,054.34

Give Online!



We thank those of you who have utilized our new online giving option! As you've heard, we 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!



Building Maintenance Fund

The Building Maintenance Fund was established to ensure costly capital repairs wouldn't negatively impact the budget. Over the years, folks have given generously to the Building Maintenance Fund. In the last three years, the roofs over Fellowship Hall, the Sanctuary, and the Gathering Area/Sunday School have been replaced at the cost \$96,950. This was paid mostly from the funds in the Building Maintenance Fund (the Presbyterian Men also contributed) and will result in the fund's depletion. Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to make these costly repairs without worrying about the financial impact on our programs.

The Finance Committee is asking the congregation to prayerfully consider a special donation to replenish the Building Fund from now through the end of the year. Since July we've received almost \$6,200.00 to help replenish this fund. Thank you for your generosity.

If you choose to donate, please indicate it is designated for the Building Fund. Thank you in advance for your continued kindness and support.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Finance Committee:

Adam Engel, Karen Kalina, Brian McNalley, and Mike Patton



Mission Offering



Each September 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. If you do not use offering envelopes, but wish to contribute, simply mark the memo line of your check as "Mission Offering." We thank you for the continued support of all our mission projects.

Peace & Global Witness – PCUSA Special Offerings

The Peace and Global Witness Offering will be received in worship on World Communion Day, Sunday, October 2nd. Each congregation retains 25% of the Offering it receives to use for local peacemaking within the church and its community. 25% is used by presbyteries and synods, and 50% is used by the



General Assembly ministries for Presbyterian Peacemaking Programs.

Contribution Statements

Beginning with the third quarter contribution statements, which will be distributed in early October, contribution statements will automatically be distributed electronically to the email address(es) on file for each household.

If you do not have an email address on file, a paper copy will be available for you to pick up at church after the email is sent. If the paper copy is not picked up after a few weeks, it will be mailed to your address. An email address list will be in the Gathering Area, there will be a spot to make changes or corrections. If you wish to receive a paper copy, not an electronic copy, please indicate this on the list. Thank you.

Save the Date

Second Presbyterian Church will be hosting a Trunk or Treat for the community Sunday, October 29th, 2023 from 11am-1pm.

Please consider participating as we will need a minimum of 20 cars to make the event worthwhile. The Christian Education committee will help you come up with ideas to decorate your car. Each car will pass out candy and will have a game for the kids to participate in. Refreshments will be served. We hope to make this a fun annual

event. A sign-up sheet will be on the table outside of the Sanctuary starting in September. Candy donations will also be needed.



Mission News "Go the Second Mile" Matthew 5:4

Thank you to the congregation for your support of the school-supply drive! This year, Brethren was blessed with an outpouring of local donations, and has requested that we share the items we collected with another local school. Thanks to the numerous items we received, we were able to show support to THREE local schools: Carrolton, Arthur Eddy Academy, and Merrill Park Elementary. All three schools are very appreciative of your support in helping their children in need. We were able to collect 492 items. Special thank-you to Gerry Brown and Linda Mattson for delivering the items to these three schools! We are continuing to collect winterwear for the school children as well throughout the rest of the year, as we know winter-weather will be here before we know it!



For September, the mission focus will be "It's All About the Cross," the ministry serving the Saginaw County Jail. Chaplain Andy Cox, (Formerly of Forgotten Man Ministries) is continuing to collect books and bibles to provide to inmates at the Saginaw County Jail. Our mission focus collection will be books for this ministry. Books must be soft cover, and with a positive theme, inspirational/self-help books, or literature encouraging inmates to grow in their faith. They may also accept puzzle books or magazines, such

as crosswords or word-searches. They are unable to accept hard cover books, books with stapled bindings, or books with themes of romance, crime/thriller, or violent themes including those about war. In addition to any books collected, we will also be donating bibles to the ministry to help in their outreach to those in the jail. For more information on the ministry work of "It's All About the Cross," visit <http://www.crosssaginaw.org>.

SPC September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Rescue Mission Lunches 9:30 a.m.
3 9:00 a.m. Worship	4 	5	6	7 Prayer Group 8:30 a.m.	8	9
10 9:00 a.m. Worship	11 Busy Hands & Hearts 1:00 p.m.	12	13 Florence Gilmour Circle 9:30 a.m.	14 Prayer Group 8:30 a.m.	15	16 
17 Kick-off Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship	18	19 	20	21 Prayer Group 8:30 a.m.	22	23
24 9:00 a.m. Worship	25	26 Session Meeting 7:00 p.m.	27	28 Prayer Group 8:30 a.m.	29 	30 Rescue Mission Lunches 9:30 a.m.