



# The Soo Chimes

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

We all know technology can change our lives and world in amazing ways. The modern day smart phone is a perfect example. Today we can talk, text, video chat, share pictures and video using a device that fits in our hand and we carry around. We also all know that technology can bring some bad with the good. This week in the NBA a story broke that one Los Angeles Laker player video recorded a fellow player with his phone. This happens all the time, so why is it a story? It is a story because the player recorded the other player admitting to cheating on his fiancé. Somehow, and the details are not well known at the time, the recording made its way to the internet. Now the whole world knows the player had cheated on his fiancé.

As I listened to sports radio report the story, I was fascinated by the discussion that took place. Sure, sure they mentioned that the cheater should not have cheated. What surprised me was there was an amazing amount of condemnation, way more than the cheater received, for the individual who recorded his teammate. Apparently, it is a much greater sin to capture someone admitting infidelity than actually committing the infidelity. Remember, no one knows how the video came to be posted to the internet.

At this time we can assume no evil intent on the part of the one who did the recording. He may not have intended for the recording to ever be uploaded to the internet. Given that we can't say he did this on purpose or was deliberately trying to hurt another, why so much hate for this guy? People are even saying his NBA career could be over. All because he captured a teammate admitting, without any guilt or remorse, that he cheated on his fiancé.

I do believe this is one of the problems of our world. I was watching some elite athletes compete on television a couple nights ago. I sat there and was a little glum. Why? I did not know if I was watching gifted human beings who have worked hard achieve greatness or I was watching gifted individuals who worked hard and had body chemistry that is impossible for a human to possess naturally. Illegal performance enhancing drugs are rampant in elite sports. Why? People usually know when a person is cheating using drugs. The people who know all keep the secret. They don't want to hurt a player they are coaching, or lose a valuable asset to help them win, rat on a teammate, put a friend in an awkward position, etc. What is the result of all this secret keeping? Sports that are dirty where we as fans can

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**The Purpose of the First United Presbyterian Church is to:**  
**Invite people to know and glorify God**  
**Grow together as followers of Christ**  
**Serve others through the power of the Holy Spirit**

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never be sure who is clean and who is cheating. If it were just sports it would be bad enough, but it is not just sports.

We all know politics is a cesspool of corruption. How did this happen? Certainly politicians who are close to other politicians know when something is amiss. Yes, they do, but their first reaction is to keep the secret. We read about corporations getting caught doing things they are not supposed to. How does this happen when so many at the company know what is happening? They keep the secret. Inevitably we get a congressional hearing where the politicians who are busy keeping each other's secrets grill those in business about "what they know and when they knew it". Talk about a masterpiece of modern theater.

How much damage do we suffer as a society because our first reaction is not to shame those who are doing wrong, but those who dare point it out?

Peace in Christ,

## Deacon

Jeanne  
Shibley



If you or someone you know are in the hospital and would like a visit from the Deacon's please contact the church office or one of the Deacons



Deacon's  
Corner

The next Deacon's Meeting will be held on April 17th.



Food Pantry  
Cathy Akre  
and  
Ginger Stratton

Need a  
Ride to Church?



Mary Stanaway



### **Freighter View Assisted Living 605 West Portage Avenue**

Virginia Blair  
Audrey Bush  
Emily Hamilton  
Margaret Olson  
Delores Swick

### **Tendercare— Sault Ste Marie**

#### **1011 Meridian**

Jim Schmidt  
Jean Smith

### **McKinley Manor 2023 West 4th Avenue**

Jeanne Gantz  
Jane Kellan  
Carl & Dorothy Smart  
Vera Steffens

### **Hearthside Assisted Living 1501 W 6th Avenue**

David Shaw

### **WMH Long Term Care 500 Osborn Boulevard**

Lois Myers

### **Out of Town**

Della Porter  
2920 Crystal Lane Room 426  
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Dorthea Allen  
Michigan Masonic Home  
1200 Wright, Room 167  
Alma, MI 48801

June MacInnis  
900 Glen Haven Circle, Apt 2  
Petoskey, MI 49770



**Prayer Requests**

Family of Irene Martin, Family of Bea Woodgate, Marion Osborn, John White, Diane McMeeken, Shane Miller, Kevin Tastor, Gina Gough, Carl and Dorothy Smart, Jim Schmidt, Jean Smith, Jane Kellan, Kady Love, Delphine Porter, Ruth Thesing, Wendy (Menard) James, Judy Knutsen, Margaret Olson, Ellen Woodgate, William Kellan, Colleen Sibbald, Margaret Vonderwerth & her family, and all members of missionaries and the U.S. Armed Forces.

**Please keep us up to date on your prayer requests.**



"Let's give 'em a good start with some holy water!"



**SUNDAY  
APRIL 17TH  
2:00 PM  
Doris Boogerd**



Thank you to all who helped with our Easter egg hunt by providing candy for the kids!



Answer: C (See Esther 2:7.)

**A HUGE thank you to the Mason family for preparing our Easter breakfast!**



Irene Martin  
2/27/16  
Bea Woodgate  
03/09/16



**Our Sunday  
Worship Service  
starts at 10:00 a.m.  
We hope to see you  
on Sunday!**

What was the name of Esther's cousin who raised her after her parents died?

- A. Hegai
- B. Haman
- C. Mordecai
- D. Ahasuerus (also known as Xerxes)



**PASSAGES  
Bereavement Support  
Group**

Mondays  
March 28, 2016 to  
May 2, 2016  
6:30—8:00 pm  
Hospice of the E.U.P.  
Grief Support Room  
308 W 12th Avenue



**CONGRATULATIONS**

**Clara Elizabeth Hillman**

born on January 27, 2016  
at a weight of 6 lb 1 oz.

She is the daughter of  
Matthew and Krista Hillman.  
The proud Grandparents are  
Eric and Marilyn Hillman



Earl and Christine Kay 04/02  
Kevin and Jackie Tastor 04/13  
Burton and Sara Jones 04/22  
Gary and Leanne Deuman 04/25



**High School Youth Group**

April 10 & April 24 regular meeting 6:30 pm  
May 8 and May 22 regular meeting 6:30 pm

We encourage students grades 9-12 to attend and bring friends.

Please continues prayers as we reach out to the youth and bring them God's word.

~Mark and Melissa Gabbard, Chad and Denise Folkersma



Rich Campbell 04/01  
Amie Lawson 04/01  
Mary Frances Morden 04/01  
Kent Nicholls 04/01  
Jennifer Kokko 04/03  
Briana McKee 04/03

Lucy Rath	04/03	Alicia Cottle	04/16
Richard Couch	04/04	Bonita Lawson	04/16
Patricia Huebschman	04/04	Doris Bates	04/17
Christine Kay	04/04	Wendy Pearce	04/17
Cynthia Howson	04/07	Abigail Reattoir	04/17
Janet Couch	04/08	Patricia Whyte	04/17
Sandra Borg	4/10	Thomas Martin	04/18
Gary Deuman	04/10	Wayne Somes	04/22
Kelsey Justin	04/10	Susan Hovie	04/23
Carol Rohweder	04/10	Sara Jones	04/23
Dane Vaught	04/10	Donna LaPlaunt	04/26
Margaret Sabourin	04/11	Jacob Hubbard	04/27
Dennis Rutledge	04/13	Margaret Kellan	04/30

# April SHOWERS BRING May FLOWERS

When we live north of the 45th parallel we can't always count on having spring showers every April, but we recognize rain drops eventually come sometime each spring.

When we lived on Drummond, islanders told us they could recall it snowing in every month of the year. That means it could be hot or cold any particular time of the year.

In 2015 we had more snow than anywhere snow was recorded in the United States, amounting to 156 inches. That was a lot of snow. I am sure in the high mountain areas where, it is not measured, there was more, but the Sault had the most in 2015.

Many years in my life I grew roses to exhibit always vying to win Queen of the Show. I never won Queen but every once in a while I would win King or Princess of the show.

You always knew how long we lived in the area by how many rose bushes we had. If we had 40 bushes we lived there for 1 year and in Wichita we had 160, so neighbors knew we had been there for 4 years.

We exhibited all over the mid west from Beaumont, Texas to Lincoln, Nebraska, because for every 100 miles north or south there was a week's difference in the growing season.

What this proves is that God is in control of the weather and in control of our lives.

A much needed rain is found in any storm cloud. As long as we have faith the showers will come and go.

Let us continue to look at the softening effect of life's rains. They are meaningful to each and every one of us. Get near to God and He will get near to you.

Don Myers, CRE



We draw people to Christ not by loudly discrediting what they believe, by telling them how wrong they are and how right we are, but by showing them a light that is so lovely that they want with all their hearts to know the source of it.

—Madeleine L'Engle

Soup n'  
Sandwich



**Session**  
April 10th



**Circle 3**

April 17



## TEXTILE SOCIAL NEWS

Throughout April  
(Thursdays)

**This will be the last month until the fall  
(we will inform you if things change))**

Bring a Textile Project and sack lunch and spend a few hours with others with the same interests.

We are planning to do two Mission Projects; one to make reusable grocery bags for the Food Pantry. The other is scheduled for March 24th, which is learning how to make pillow to be provided for the missions. Some fabrics will be provided. If you wish to coordinate your own fabric, buy one yard each of 3 pieces and pre-wash it.

We will have a few machines available and supplies, unless you wish to bring your own.

Stop in and visit with other sewers, knitters, crocheters, quilters, and socializers!

*Call Ruth Wilson or Anita Weinrick with any questions.*

**See You Soon!**



Mother's Day will be just around the corner and why not get mom a gift she will use? Scrip cards make a perfect gift for mom! It is the right size, right color, and she doesn't have to dust it! We have many stores to choose from that mom will love! It is never too early to order!

Scrip Card  
Fundraiser

See Brenda for more information!

[tallulah@lighthouse.net](mailto:tallulah@lighthouse.net)



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IT'S BARBERSHOP SHOWTIME!

**THE NORTHLAND BARBERSHOP CHORUS  
PRESENTS THEIR 52nd ANNUAL SHOW**  
["Laughter and Love Songs"](#)



*Celebrating the Golden Age of Radio*

Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

Kiwanis Community Theatre Centre, SSM, Ontario

with guests [Vocal Spectrum](#)

All Tickets are \$25.00\* . For ticket information, call 705-942-3075

Or visit our website at [www.northlandchorus.com](http://www.northlandchorus.com)

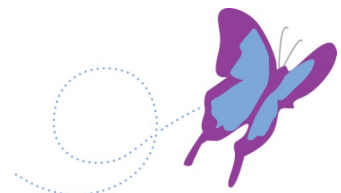
As always, a major portion of the proceeds will go to support local speech therapy programs at the Speech and Language Pathology Unit of the **Sault Area Hospital.**

*"We Sing...That They Shall Speak."*



**2016 Presbytery  
Point Camp**

For more information, check the website at [www.presbyterypoint.org](http://www.presbyterypoint.org), email questions to [ppccc@presbyterypoint.org](mailto:ppccc@presbyterypoint.org), or call The Point at 906-869-0925.





## A love explosion

Mommy, if Jesus comes to live inside my heart, will I explode?" One of missionary Katie Davis' adopted daughters surprised her with that question as they headed to the Nile River for some baptisms.

Although Davis immediately replied, "No!" she later realized: "That is exactly what we should do if Jesus comes to live inside our hearts. We will explode with love, with compassion, with hurt for those who are hurting, and with joy for those who rejoice. We will explode with a desire to be more, to be better, to be close to the One who made us."

—adapted from *Kisses From Katie*



... baptizing them  
in the name of  
the Father  
and of  
the Son  
and of  
the Holy Spirit  
Matthew 28:19

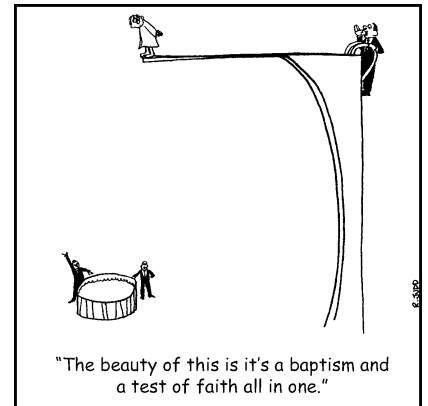


Sara, Addison, Rev. Gabbard, Shane, Ethan, & Delaney

## Masterpiece Film Series

every Tuesday, at 2 p.m. Upstairs Downstair

Masterpiece Film Series, "Upstairs Downstairs."  
Every Tues. at 2 p.m. Free showing. Donations accepted.  
Light refreshments.



## Spring Work Camp

at Presbytery Point Camp is May 6 – 13, 2016

Help to open the camp, work on building projects, tend the grounds, and tackle spring cleaning tasks in the fellowship of others who share a love for our Presbytery's outdoor camping ministry. Couples, families, singles, retirees, mission groups, all ages – join us for a day or two, or for the whole week! Registration forms and information are available by calling the camp at 906-869-0925 or sending an email to [ppccc@presbyterypoint.org](mailto:ppccc@presbyterypoint.org).

## SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

APRIL 6, 2016

6:00 pm



The church has been asked to prepare and serve a banquet meal for the Hiawatha Skating Club on April 6, 2016.

This will be a fundraiser for the general fund of the church.

### Menu:

Spaghetti and Meatballs

Bread

Salad

Dessert



Donations of cash to offset costs are needed and can be given to the church office.

Dessert donations can be left in the church kitchen on April 6 in the morning.

**Thank you for your help!!!**

For questions contact Kaye Hillock-Vining at 906-630-5346 or the church office.



## ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS AND THEIR FAMILIES

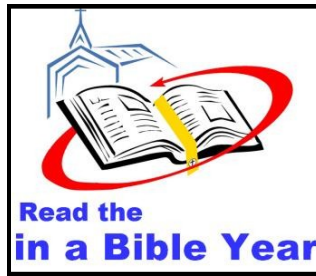
*Graduation season is upon us once again and the Christian Education Committee would like to honor its graduating seniors on May 29, 2016 during worship. If you have a graduate in your family and would like them recognized that day, please provide a photo of your graduate and a brief write up about them. You can drop off the information to the church office or email it to [office@soopresbyterian.org](mailto:office@soopresbyterian.org). All information is needed by Monday, May 16.*

*For questions contact Kaye Hillock-Vining at 906-630-5346 or the church office.*





# April

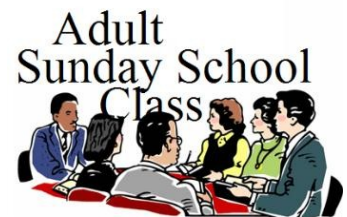


*Kaye Vining*  
and  
*Connie Lawrence*

1	Matthew 25:1-30	Numbers 30-31	Job 1
2	Matthew 25:31-46	Numbers 32-34	Job 2
3	Matthew 26:1-25	Numbers 35-36	Job 3
4	Matthew 26:26-46	Deuteronomy 1-2	Job 4
5	Matthew 26:47-75	Deuteronomy 3-4	Job 5
6	Matthew 27:1-31	Deuteronomy 5-6	Job 6
7	Matthew 27:32-66	Deuteronomy 7-8	Job 7
8	Matthew 28	Deuteronomy 9-10	Job 8
9	Acts 1	Deuteronomy 11-12	Job 9
10	Acts 2:1-13	Deuteronomy 13-14	Job 10
11	Acts 2:14-47	Deuteronomy 15-16	Job 11
12	Acts 3	Deuteronomy 17-18	Job 12
13	Acts 4:1-22	Deuteronomy 19-20	Job 13
14	Acts 4:23-37	Deuteronomy 21-22	Job 14
15	Acts 5:1-16	Deuteronomy 23-24	Job 15
16	Acts 5:17-42	Deuteronomy 25-27	Job 16
17	Acts 6	Deuteronomy 28	Job 17
18	Acts 7:1-22	Deuteronomy 29-30	Job 18
19	Acts 7:23-8:1	Deuteronomy 31-32	Job 19
20	Acts 8:1-25	Deuteronomy 33-34	Job 20
21	Acts 8:26-40	Joshua 1-2	Job 21
22	Acts 9:1-25	Joshua 3:1-5:1	Job 22
23	Acts 9:26-43	Joshua 5:2-6:27	Job 23
24	Acts 10:1-33	Joshua 7-8	Job 24
25	Acts 10:34-48	Joshua 9-10	Job 25
26	Acts 11:1-18	Joshua 11-12	Job 26
27	Acts 11:19-30	Joshua 13-14	Job 27
28	Acts 12	Joshua 15-17	Job 28
29	Acts 13:1-25	Joshua 18-19	Job 29
30	Acts 13:26-52	Joshua 20-21	Job 30



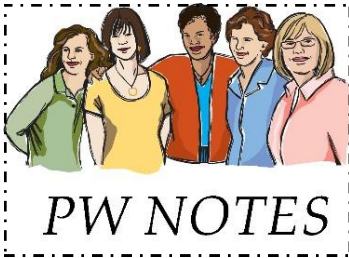
Men's Bible Study every Friday morning at 9:00 am.  
All men are welcome to join us!



9:00 am



Woman's Bible Study every Wednesday morning at 9:30 am  
All women of the church are invited to join us.



**PW NOTES**



**Dish Cloths!**  
**Colors to match every kitchen**  
**Only \$1.00 each**  
**Available in the church office.**

Brought to you by the  
 Presbyterian Women



**BAZAAR**

We are working on the Bazaar and would like to let everyone know the theme for this year has been chosen.

We will be having

**"An Old Fashion Country Christmas"**

on November 5th.

Connie Lawrence and Rose Mackin will Co-Chair the decorations. If you have any ideas for decoration let Connie or Rose know.

We will be having a meeting sometime in April, as soon as the date is set we will let everyone know.

We hope you will join us.



**Rummage Sale**  
**Donations Needed**

**RUMMAGE SALE**  
**Saturday April 2nd**  
**9 am to 1 pm.**

We will be setting up and accepting donations beginning Tuesday, March 28th thru Friday from 9 am to 2 pm and also Wednesday evening 6:30-8:30 pm. Please no cell phone or computers.

Workers are needed for setup and the day of the sale. A signup sheet is located on the bulletin board by the office.

As you are spring cleaning, please keep the Rummage Sale in mind.

**Thank you**



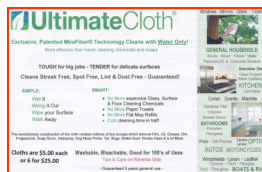
**Ladies Coffee**

Hour



**Tuesday at 9:30 am**  
**April 19th**  
**(the 3rd Tuesday),**

All ladies are welcome to join us for an informal gathering.



**The Ultimate Cloth Great for your Cleaning projects!**

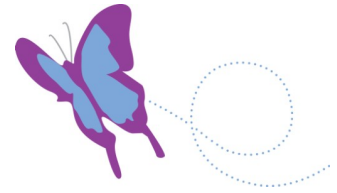
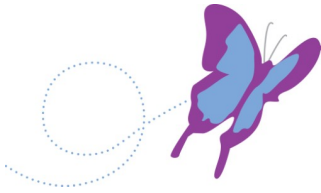
**Get yours at the church office**  
**\$6.00 each or 5 for \$25.00**

# Spring Gathering

**Saturday, April 23, 2016**

**Sault Ste. Marie Presbyterian Church,**

555 Bingham Avenue – 906-632-7771



The Spring Gathering for all Presbyterian Women, from Traverse City to the whole UP, will be held at our Church on Saturday, April 23rd. PWP of Mackinaw will preside over the meeting.

**Registration and coffee will be at 9:00-9:45 am.**

**Singing at 9:45 am**

**The program at 10:00 am, concluding by 2:30 pm, with lunch at noon.**

Preregistration and the cost \$7.00, which includes your meal, is due by April 16, 2016.

These will be collected at our Church and sent to PWP of Mackinaw.

All attendees are encouraged to bring non-perishable goods for the Sault Presbyterian Food Pantry. Presbytery Point Camp will be the recipient of the freewill offering that will be taken. Registration forms are available in Church Office. Please leave the completed registration and your check payable to Presbyterian Women in the Church Office.

If you have any questions please contact Alegra Soorus, Sue Trombley, or Doreen Gordon.  
Hope to see you there.



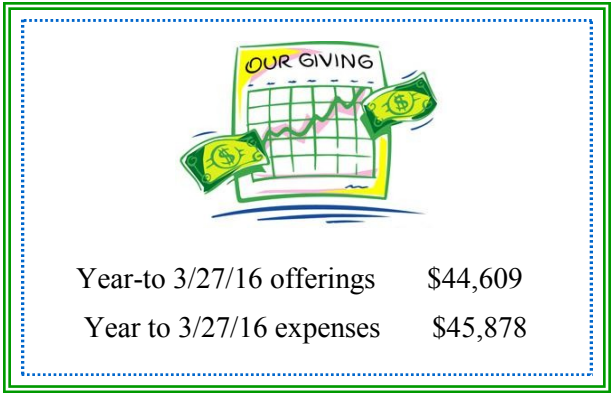
**Thanks You**

**PW**



**Membership Class**

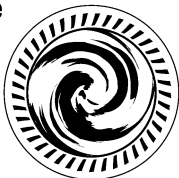
-have you been thinking about becoming a Presbyterian? Do you wonder what it takes to become a member? Are you looking for a church to call home? 1st United Presbyterian would like to welcome you with open arms! Pastor Mark will be holding new member classes in the near future. If you would like to join the classes, please let the church office know for registration purposes.





# SHAVING CREAM EARTH

God created this wonderful world and told us to care for it. Remember that by making a unique painting.



### What you need:

- A cookie sheet
- White shaving cream
- A wooden craft stick
- Paint (blue and green)
- A straw
- A paper plate

### What you do:

1. On the cookie sheet, spray shaving cream in a circle (the same size as the bottom of the paper plate). Smooth it out with the craft stick.
2. Squirt the blue and green paint on top of the shaving cream in loopy, squiggly patterns. Swirl the paint around with the straw.
3. Place the bottom of the paper plate on top of the paint. Press it down gently so the whole plate bottom is covered in paint.
4. Lift up the plate and gently remove excess shaving cream with the stick.
5. After the painting dries, hang it on your wall.



# PUZZLE

## A SPECIAL GIFT

Give thanks to God for this amazing planet, which he filled with people, animals and plants.

*Directions: Following the code below, fill in the blanks to complete the Bible verse. Then color the earth.*

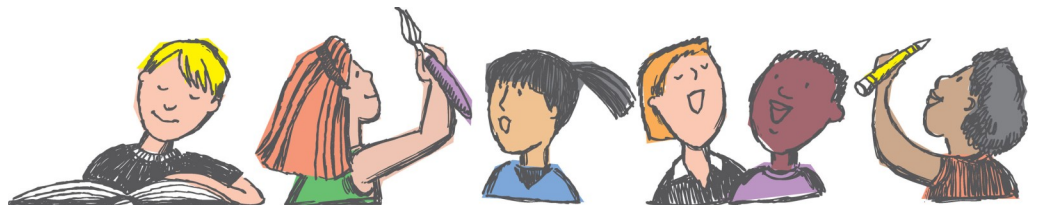
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The \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ 24:1, NIV

5 1 18 20 8    20 8 5    12 15 18 4 19  
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Answer: The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Psalm 24:1, NIV





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3</p> <p>9:00a Early Social Hour 9:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 12:00p Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00p Boy Scout Mtg (SH) 7:00p ACT Study Grp</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00a-12:00p Food Pantry</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30a Women's Bible 6:00p Skating Club Banquet 7:00p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00a Textile Social (SH)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00a Men's Study Grp</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00a N.A. 7:00p A.A.</p>
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**First United Presbyterian  
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Monday through Friday

(closed 11:30-12)

**Sunday Worship Schedule**

Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School (all grades) 10:00 a.m.

**Church Staff**

Rev. Mark Gabbard, Minister

Don Myers, CRE

Brenda Ransom, CRE

Kay Boyne, Music Director

Denise Goldade, Financial/Administrative Assistant

Jesse Witte, Sexton

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