

The Soo Chimes

First United Presbyterian Church



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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Is it Lent Already????

If you are like me it seems as if we just celebrated Christmas and the New Year, so how can it be Lent already? Thankfully, I have my trusty Presbyterian Planning Calendar to help me out in such situations. It is right here let me take a look at it, just a second; sure enough Ash Wednesday this year is on February 10th. As is the custom of our congregation, we will be a having a potluck at 6 pm before the Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00. Ash Wednesday is the official beginning of Lent. I have heard some church members talking about another event Fat Tuesday and certain celebrations, but that would be a completely different kind of article....

So, do we need to give up our beer for Lent? It is traditional during Lent to abstain from certain foods or beverages. Christian tradition encourages believers to either practice the discipline of fasting or abstaining from certain foods they otherwise would eat during this liturgical season. This discipline is a reminder that God should be the center of our lives. It is a reminder of how much Jesus suffered for us and our outward sign of our willingness to suffer for him, "(Mat 16:24-27 NIV) Then Jesus said

to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. {25} For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. {26} What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? {27} For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done.

Giving up something for Lent is in many ways like sacrificing for someone we love, it shows our love for God. This kind of denial is, however, not the only way to celebrate Lent. There is another very sound and encouraged spiritual discipline we could choose to pursue during Lent. This comes from Micah, "(Micah 6:6-8 NIV) With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? {7} Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? {8} He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the

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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 Receive your
newsletter by email
and in color, too.
Call the office to
find out how!

LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

The second commandment of our Lord is to love one another. If we don't want to give up our beer or chocolate for Lent, we could concentrate on trying to be more patient, kind and forgiving. Aren't we supposed to do this anyway? Sure, but goodness knows we can all do better. If you choose to go this route for Lent, don't just formulate a vague goal, "Be kinder to others". Pick a specific person you could be more kind too. Or perhaps, pick a specific behavior you want to exhibit or avoid and keep track of your efforts each day. The wonderful thing about our Lord is he is happy with any effort we make to be more loving either through sacrifice for him or treating our brothers and sisters better.

Peace in Christ, Mark

Deacon



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



The next Deacon's Meeting will be held on February 21st.



Food Pantry

Mary Moran and Carol Rohweder



Robert Jewell 12/31/15 Carmelita Schrumpf

01/25/16

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Freighter View Assisted Living 605 West Portage Avenue

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Family of Carmelita Schrumpf, Shane Miller, Family of Robert Jewell, Kevin Tastor, Gina Gough, Jean Smith, Jim Schmidt, Kady Love, Michael Peller (Grandson of Marsha Cross),

Carl Smart, Diane McMeeken, Family of Carolyn Vollick,, David Whyte, Rosalee Mullins, Delphine Porter, Ellen Meister, Dorothy Smart, Wendy (Menard) James, Ruth Thesing, Jane Kellan, Margaret Olson, Judy Knutsen, Ellen Woodgate, William Kellan, Colleen Sibbald, Bea Woodgate, 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.



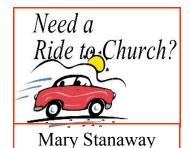
SUNDAY
JANUARY 17TH
2:00 PM

Mary Stanaway





The Directory Books are here! If you haven't received your copy stop in the office during the week or see Barb Kenn. Extra Directories are available for \$10 each.



At our February 14th worship service we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together as one body of Christ.





We will celebrate Ash Wednesday Services on February 10th with a potluck meal at 6:00 pm and a worship service at 7:00 pm. Come join us for a meal and fellowship. Bring a dish to pass.



The days are getting longer leading us towards spring and the beginning of Lent. Please join the deacons on Wednesday, February 10 for Ash Wednesday. Bring your favorite dish to pass and share a potluck meal at 6 pm. Service will be held at 7 pm.

There will be an afternoon of fun and creativity on Saturday, February 20th from 2-5 pm when Sue Slager from Lushes With Brushes brings supplies and enthusiasm to our social hall. To be a part of this Food Pantry fundraiser sign-up on the bulletin board outside the office or call the office. The cost is only \$30 and class is limited to 30 painters. You'll go home the proud owner of a beautiful cross painting to see you through the Lenten season til Easter.

Jeanne Shibley, Deacon Chairperson



Ronald and Joyce Cross

02/04

Bible Quiz



At a time of deep struggle in Elijah's life, God made his presence known to him. How?

- A. In a strong and destructive wind
- B. In an earthquake
- C. Through fire
- D. Through silence





High School Youth Group

Will meet the 2nd and 4th Sunday in February at 6:30 pm.

Bring a friend and join us!



COFFEE

Trustees

February 7th

(John 3:16, NKJV)



Sunday

February 7th

Answer: D (See 1 Kings 19:9-12, NRSV.)

ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Congregational Meeting was held on Sunday, January 31, and the Annual Report of church finances and activities were presented to the congregation.

Extra copies of the Annual Report are available in the church office. If you would like a copy of the report mailed to you, please contact the office.



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		Gabrielle Gorsuch	02/10	Andrew Bernier	02/20
FEBRUARY		Barbara Kenn	02/10	Andrea Abbott	02/21
BIRTHDAYS		Sascha Kuenzer	02/10	Robert Ferguson	02/21
Margaret Money	02/01	Bill Robbins	02/11	Chad Folkersma	02/22
Jan Jobes	02/02	Max Gazvoda	02/12	Joan Hill	02/23
Daniel Reattoir	02/02	Hailey Smart	02/12	Carl Hodges	02/24
Fred Amarose	02/03	Sophia Welles	02/13	Sharon Sheppard	02/24
Donna Blair	02/03	•		• •	· - · - ·
Marion Osborn		Piper Bernier	02/14	Alyvia Lori	02/25
	02/05	Cole Lussier	02/14	Jackie Tastor	02/27
Marjorie Johnston	02/06	Matthew Bernier	02/15	Nicholas Vaught	02/27
John Wilson	02/07	Doris Boogerd	02/17	David Whyte	02/29
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Last month we made a few promises, some of Now, how could there be such a difference in what which we have broken just because we are human. Every day we have to make judgments, as parents, grandparents, great grandparents, and members The father said that they were all correct, because of our churches. I sure hope the Myers family is they had seen only one season of the Pear tree's judged fairly for who we are and want to be.

Recently I read an article about a man who had four sons and he wanted them to not judge things too quickly, so he sent each of them on a quest to take a look at a particular pear tree that was some distance away.

The first son went during the winter, the second son during spring time, the third son during the summer, and the youngest of the four in the fall.

When they had all gone, and finally returned, he asked them together to describe what they had seen.

The first son who had gone during the winter said the tree was bent and ugly, and no leaves. The son who had left during the spring, said the tree was beautiful with buds, and full of promise.

The third son disagreed with them all and said the

tree was laden with blossoms that smelled so sweet and looked so beautiful and it was one of the most beautiful trees he had ever seen.

The last son disagreed with all his brothers because he said it was ripe, dropping all its fruit, and was full of life and fulfillment.

they saw on the very same tree?

life. He told his sons that you can't judge a tree nor can we judge a person by only one season. The essence of who they are, and the pleasure, joy, and love that comes from that life, can only be measured at the end when all the seasons are up.

This meaningful story proves that if you give up during the winter, you will miss the promise of spring, the beauty of summer, and the fulfillment of fall. Don't let the last couple of winters in Sault Ste. Marie, prevent us from witnessing the beauties that will surely follow.

If our church family, our neighbors, and friends, can persevere through the difficult patches, better times will come, as you all have been a part of the seasons of my life.

May God keep you in his care through all the seasons of your life.

Don Myers, CRE





The Northland Barbershop Chorus joined our worship service on Sunday, January 17th, and sang several song selections.

The men also entertained during a luncheon served by the church choir. A total of \$277 was raised to help support the Northland Chorus' charity of choice. Thanks to the choir and to the northland Barbershop Chorus for sharing your joyful voices with us!



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2016 Presbytery Point Camp Schedule

Plan Now to
Attend
More

Information

to follow:

May 6 – 13 Spring Work Camp

All Ages Youth Camp (finishing grades 3rd-12th) June 12 – 17

Superior String Alliance Orchestra Camp (grades 4-6) June 19 – 21

June 22 - 25 Superior String Alliance Orchestra Camp (grades 6-7)

June 27 – July 2 Superior String Alliance Orchestra Camp (grades 10-12)

July 5-9Superior String Alliance Orchestra Camp (grades 8-9)

July 10 - 16 Camp New Day

Presbytery Point Day Camp (finishing 1st – 5th grades) July 18 - 22

Triennium at Purdue University (finishing 8th – 12th grades) July 19 - 23

Presbytery Point Senior High Camp (finishing grades 9th – 12th) July 24 - 30

Presbytery Point Middle School Camp (finishing grades 6th – 8th) July 31 – Aug 6

1st-2nd grade mini-camp (finishing grades 1st-2nd) Aug 7 – 9

 $3^{rd} - 5^{th}$ grade camp (finishing grades $3^{rd} - 5^{th}$) Aug 9 – 13

Aug 14 - 16 Alumni and Family Mission Camp

Sept 24 – Oct 1 Fall Work Camp

For more information, check the website at www.presbyterypoint.org, email questions to ppccc@presbyterypoint.org, or call The Point at 906-869-0925.



FOOD PANTRY FUNDRAISER

Saturday, February 20, 2016 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm **Social Hall**

\$30 per person

Come out and paint for a great cause! Sue Slager from Lushes With Brushes will be teaching this painting class. We will be painting the cross shown above. Sue does a great job teaching step by step to help you create your masterpiece! All supplies are included and you get to leave with your masterpiece!! We only have space for 30 painters so please reserve your spot!

Only 15 spots remain, sign up soon!



Scrip cards helps to make your gift giving easy! We have over 600 places we order from. Scrip can Fundraiser purchasing is easy and

does not cost you any extra money. The more we start to utilize this program, the more we can help out our church organizations such as the food pantry, youth activities, and so much more! We do have many cards available for immediate purchase in the office and orders are always going in! If you have questions, please see Brenda.

> Brenda Ransom, elder tallulah@lighthouse.net



Presbytery Point Camp Wish List

- Canoes (17 foot)
- Canoe paddles
- Lifeguard Rescue Tube
- Waterfront equipment (kickboards, watervolleyball set, beach balls, etc.)
- Lake Kayaks and paddles
- Golf Cart (electric preferred)
- Walkie talkies (with rechargeable or with batteries)
- Fishing equipment (poles, bobbers, hooks without barbs)
- Art-n-Crafts supplies (colored construction paper, Elmer's glue and glue sticks, masking tape, tie dye colors, macramé jute, beads, wax and wick for candle making, crayons, paints)
- Batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, 9 volt)
- Financial gifts to the Campership Fund, General Fund, or Maintenance Fund
- Serviceable 4-wheeler (350cc or more)
- Permanent markers, dry erase markers
- Spiral notebooks (all sizes)
- Copy paper
- Colored and white poster board
- Laundry detergent
- 5 quart ice cream pails (with covers)
- Shoeboxes (or same size appropriate for shadow boxes)
- Gently used sleeping bags and blankets
- Rubber bands, paper clips, file folders, general office supplies
- Musical instruments including: used, quality drum set, acoustic and electric guitar, electric bass guitar, keyboard, percussion instruments, and
- Clean linens: towels, washcloths, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, pillows
- Sturdy coat trees, plastic coat hangers
- Flashlights

Every 1st and 3rd

For more information, or to arrange getting item(s) to camp, call Caron at (906) 869-0925 or email at ppccc@presbyterypoint.org.

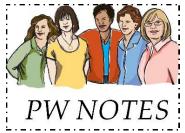
The TEXTILE SOCIAL will continue each Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm in the Social Hall.

Tables are set up for sewing machines, cut tables, scrapbooking, knitting, crocheting and crafting. Bring your projects and your sack lunch. Refreshments and dessert is provided.

Stop in for an hour or more every Thursday. We share ideas, give assistance and even do a little teaching if desired. We really glean off one another's talents. We were taught how to make pillow cases, aprons, and bowl/plate hat "cozies". We are looking to work on a common mission project, as well in the new year. We are excited about that Stop in and share your ideas and talents.

You can call Anita 632-3207 or Ruth 632-9355 if you have any questions.

Pent





Dish Cloths!

Colors to match every kitchen Only \$1.00 each

Available in the church office.

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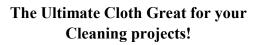
I want to thank everyone for the wonderful cards, notes and prayers. I am doing better, but I have a long way to go.

Thanks for keeping me in your prayers.









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



Tuesday at 9:30 am February 16th

(the 3rd Tuesday),

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



PW Bazaar Wrap-Up

If we're to have a Tea & Bazaar in November 2016, we need to have a Chairperson and a Decorating Person in place as soon as possible. Please consider volunteering for this annual event.





Tea American Legion Post 3 Auxiliary cordially invites you to attend the 88th Annual George Washington Tea in honor of Gold and Blue Star Mothers and Women Veterans Saturday, February 20, 2016 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.





Sault Winter Farmers' Market at Bayliss Library

Saturdays, from 9:30am - 12:30pm., until Saturday, May 7, 2016

(Closed April 2, 2016)

Location: 541 Library Drive, Sault Ste. Marie, MI

Bayliss Public Library, a member of the Superior District Library, and MSU Extension, Greening Michigan Institute, present their fourth annual Winter Farmer's Market Saturday mornings at the library in the community room.

For more information, contact the Bayliss Library at 906-632-9331, ssm.farmersmarket@gmail.com or www.baylisslibrary.org.





1	Luke 23:1-25	Genesis 41	Psalm 32
2	Luke 23:26-56	Genesis 42	Psalm 33
3	Luke 24:1-12	Genesis 43	Psalm 34
4	Luke 24:13-53	Genesis 44	Psalm 35
5	Hebrews 1	Genesis 45:1-46:27	Psalm 36
6	Hebrews 2	Genesis 46:28-47:31	Psalm 37
7	Hebrews 3:1-4:13	Genesis 48	Psalm 38
8	Hebrews 4:14-6:12	Genesis 49-50	Psalm 39
9	Hebrews 6:13-20	Exodus 1-2	Psalm 40
10	Hebrews 7	Exodus 3-4	Psalm 41
11	Hebrews 8	Exodus 5:1-6:27	Proverbs 1
12	Hebrews 9:1-22	Exodus 6:28-8:32	Proverbs 2
13	Hebrews 9:23-10:18	Exodus 9-10	Proverbs 3
14	Hebrews 10:19-39	Exodus 11-12	Proverbs 4
15	Hebrews 11:1-22	Exodus 13-14	Proverbs 5
16	Hebrews 11:23-40	Exodus 15	Proverbs 6:1-7:5
17	Hebrews 12	Exodus 16-17	Proverbs 7:6-27
18	Hebrews 13	Exodus 18-19	Proverbs 8
19	Matthew 1	Exodus 20-21	Proverbs 9
20	Matthew 2	Exodus 22-23	Proverbs 10
21	Matthew 3	Exodus 24	Proverbs 11
22	Matthew 4	Exodus 25-27	Proverbs 12
23	Matthew 5:1-20	Exodus 28-29	Proverbs 13
24	Matthew 5:21-48	Exodus 30-32	Proverbs 14
25	Matthew 6:1-18	Exodus 33-34	Proverbs 15
26	Matthew 6:19-34	Exodus 35-36	Proverbs 16
27	Matthew 7	Exodus 37-38	Proverbs 17
28	Matthew 8:1-13	Exodus 39-40	Proverbs 18



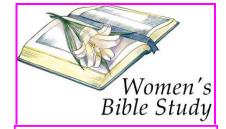
Doreen Gordon
And
Jeanne Shibley



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.



FRIENDSHIP CARDS Give Someone

This month, don't just send valentines; be a valentine! Create these Friendship Cards to express love through kind acts for your loved ones — all month long.



- 29 index cards
- A small box or container
- Colored pens or glitter pens
- Stickers

What you do:

- 1. On each card, write something nice you can do for other people. Ideas include "Give someone a hug," "Clean someone's room," "Read to someone" and so on. You can use colored pens to draw a picture.
- 2. Decorate the box or container. Place the cards inside.
- 3. Each day in February, select a card and do that nice thing for someone!

True Friendship

What makes someone a good friend? The Bible offers lots of advice about true friendship.

Directions: Starting at the *, connect the dots clockwise and complete the words using the word bank. Then fill in Proverbs 27:9, NIV.

word bank: heart prings ir verbs	vice ness end
27:9, NIV	pleasant
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Proverbs 27:9, NIV

Answer: The pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00p Boy Scout Mtg (SH) 7:00p ACT Study Grp	2 9:00a-12:00p Food Pantry	3 9:30a Women's Bible Study 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	4 10:00a Textile Social (SH)	5 9:00a Men's Study Grp	6 9:00a N.A. 7:00p A.A.
7 Transfiguration of the Lord FUPC Officer Installation 9:00a Early Social Hour 9:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 11:30a Coffee & Cookies 12:00p Soup Kitchen	8 7:00p Boy Scout Mtg (SH) 7:00p ACT Study Grp	9 9:00a-12:00p Food Pantry	10 Ash Wednesday 9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:00p Lenten Potluck 7:00p Ash Wednesday Service	11 9:30a Circle 3 Meeting 10:00a Textile Social (SH)	12 Lincoln's Birthday 9:00a Men's Study Grp	13 9:00a N.A. 7:00p A.A.
14 1st Sunday in Lent St. Valentines Day 9:00a Early Social Hour 9:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a Worship/Communion 10:00a Sunday School 11:30a Christian Ed Mtg 11:00p Soup Kitchen 6:30p High School Youth Group	15 President's Day 5:30p Trustee's Meeting 5:30p Session Mtg (WR) 7:00p Boy Scout Mtg (SH) 7:00p ACT Study Grp)	16 9:00a-12:00p Food Pantry 9:30a Ladies Coffee Hour	17 9:30a Women's Bible Study 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	10:00a Textile Social (SH)	19 9:00a Men's Study Grp	20 9:00a N.A. 2:00p Fundraiser 7:00p A.A.
21 2nd Sunday in Lent 9:00a Early Social Hour 9:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 11:15a Deacons Meeting (Lib) 12:00p Soup Kitchen 2:00p Freighter View Worship	22 Washington's Birthday 7:00p Boy Scout Mtg (SH) 7:00p ACT Study Grp	23 9:00a-12:00p Food Pantry	24 9:30a Women's Bible Study 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	25 10:00a Textile Social (SH)	26 9:00a Men's Study Grp	27 9:00a N.A. 7:00p A.A.
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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
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Denise Goldade, Financial/Administrative Assistant
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FEBRUARY EVENTS AT FUPC

FUPC Officer Installation Sunday, February 7, 2016

Coffee & Cookies Sunday, February 7, 2016

Lenten Potluck Wednesday, February 10, 2016 6:00 pm

Ash Wednesday Service Wednesday, February 10, 2016 7:00 pm

ist Sunday in Lent Sunday, February 14, 2016

Communion Service Sunday, February 14, 2016

Deacon Fundraiser Saturday, February 20, 2016 2:00 pm

2nd Sunday in Lent Sunday, February 1 21, 2016

3rd Sunday in Lent Sunday, February 28, 2016

