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The Soo Chimes

First United Presbyterian Church



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Pastor's Message

January is a time of change. Our calendar changes to a new year. Traditionally, people consider changes they can make in their personal lives and potential goals to achieve such change. This year Session discovered we would be making some changes to how membership is reported in our church's annual report. For longer than people can remember the Book of Order, our church's constitution, has allowed for two types of membership: Active and Inactive. Technically there was a third type of membership, affiliated, but that wasn't used much. Our denomination's constitution has changed to revamp the membership reporting system.

What is the process by which our church constitution is changed? Good question. The General Assembly passes a resolution to change the Book of Order. The Presbyteries, by a majority vote, must also ratify the change. When the General Assembly convenes again there is a report of how the Presbyteries voted on the change and, if it is a majority, the change becomes part of the Book of Order. So, what are the new categories of membership?

The new categories of membership still include an active membership category. Any

one who are currently active members will continue to be active members if the member in question meets the historic criteria for active membership. Our session has not changed the criteria for active membership nor is it any different that in years past. Basically, there is no change here. The next three categories are where the are changes to how Presbyterian Churches have historically kept membership rolls.

A Baptized member is one of the new categories. This category is for those individuals who have been baptized but who have not yet made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. These individuals are welcomed into the life of the church and the receiving of The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

An Affiliated member is not technically a new category but a relatively rare form of membership. An affiliated member is one who is a member of another Presbyterian congregation or member of another denomination who has temporarily moved to a new area and would like to participate in the life of a Presbyterian congregation. The session of the church where they

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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 Newsletters are sent by email unless you have made other arrangements.











January 16th @ 5:30p

PEW MAINTENANCE









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Jacklyn Johnson

Benjamin Reattoir

Treyce Sanderson

Mary Lee Schmidt

Carol Brawley

Jase Averill

Samantha Reid-Goldberg

Lee Myers

Julie Walsh

Aubrey Agar

Ronald Kerzner

Carla Nicholls

Danna Sanderson

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Paul Sabourin



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The next PW meeting will be January 16th





Tom & Cheryl Thoresen 01/07 Charlie & Audrey Zane 01/13





Freighter View Assisted Living 605 West Portage Avenue Audrey Bush

> Out of Town Della Porter Cross Roads Village 6600 Constitution Blvd Room 605 Portage, MI 49024

Mary Lee Schmidt

Medi-Lodge 1011 Meridian Jane Kellan

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are temporarily residing can accept them as an affiliate member. An affiliated member is welcome to participate in the life of the congregation and receive the Lord's Supper.

The last new category is Other Participant. This replaces the Inactive category. Inactive members are to be transferred to "Other Participants". Anyone else who does not fit in any of the previous categories is also placed in this category. People in this category are still welcome to participate in the life of the church and receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Individuals in this category can be moved to the Active Members category upon request.

It was never the intention of the session to change the categories of membership. This is something we are doing to comply with the Book of Order. Once again, for those who are active, there will be no change. For others, there will be changes as the session complies with our constitution. The requirements for being able to vote in congregational meetings and hold ordained offices in the church have also not changed, only active members are eligible to vote and hold office.

-Rev. Mark Gabbard

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month at noon. We bring a sack lunch and hold a short meeting then enjoy fellowship time and dessert. Every FUPC woman IS a member of Presbyterian Women. We work hard to provide funding for several missions while at the same time enjoying our planning time and social interaction. We work for our church (building), our church family, our local community, Presbytery of Mackinac and missions afar. Please consider joining our group and sharing your thoughts and ideas on what we are doing. We are always looking for some new, fresh and creative projects. Our current plans for 2024 include: June 18th Summer Event, Rummage Sale August 3rd, and Bazaar on November 2nd.

Our January meeting is on the 16th at noon. Bring a sack lunch – dessert is provided. Hope to see you there. Happy New Year!.

Winter is here and the Deacons are getting ready to help keep the chill away from local area school children by collecting mittens, scarves, and hats on our mitten tree in the Narthex. Gently used coats/outerwear are also welcome for the coat rack we set out during our Food Pantry distribution. The Deacons are always on the look-out for new members. Seek guidance in prayer as you consider how you will greet the New Year and give some thought to becoming a Deacon. Don't want to commit to a monthly meeting? Be a part of our volunteers who assist with food distribution and other tasks. You don't have to be an "official" Deacon to be a part of the Deacons' mission to help others.

-Your Deacons





1	Luke 5:27-39	Genesis 1-2	Psalm 1
2	Luke 6:1-26	Genesis 3-5	Psalm 2
3	Luke 6:27-49	Genesis 6-7	Psalm 3
4	Luke 7:1-17	Genesis 8-10	Psalm 4
5	Luke 7:18-50	Genesis 11	Psalm 5
6	Luke 8:1-25	Genesis 12	Psalm 6
7	Luke 8:26-56	Genesis 13-14	Psalm 7
8	Luke 9:1-27	Genesis 15	Psalm 8
9	Luke 9:28-62	Genesis 16	Psalm 9
10	Luke 10:1-20	Genesis 17	Psalm 10
11	Luke 10:21-42	Genesis 18	Psalm 11
12	Luke 11:1-28	Genesis 19	Psalm 12
13	Luke 11:29-54	Genesis 20	Psalm 13
14	Luke 12:1-31	Genesis 21	Psalm 14
15	Luke 12:32-59	Genesis 22	Psalm 15
16	Luke 13:1-17	Genesis 23	Psalm 16
17	Luke 13:18-35	Genesis 24	Psalm 17
18	Luke 14:1-24	Genesis 25	Psalm 18
19	Luke 14:25-35	Genesis 26	Psalm 19
20	Luke 15	Genesis 27:1-45	Psalm 20
21	Luke 16	Genesis 27:46-28:22	Psalm 21
22	Luke 17	Genesis 29:1-30	Psalm 22
23	Luke 18:1-17	Genesis 29:31-30:43	Psalm 23
24	Luke 18:18-43	Genesis 31	Psalm 24
25	Luke 19:1-27	Genesis 32-33	Psalm 25
26	Luke 19:28-48	Genesis 34	Psalm 26
27	Luke 20:1-26	Genesis 35-36	Psalm 27
28	Luke 20:27-47	Genesis 37	Psalm 28
29	Luke 21	Genesis 38	Psalm 29
30	Luke 22:1-38	Genesis 39	Psalm 30
31	Luke 22:39-71	Genesis 40	Psalm 31
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at 9:30am (Except the 2nd Wednesday of the month)

WBS: January Mission

The mission recipient is the Salvation Army. They have requested paper products like toilet paper and paper towels, feminine hygiene products, as well as general hygiene products like soap, toothpaste and deodorant.

Thank you for your generous giving through the years, and thank you for your giving this month.





Why is the First United Presbyterian Church of Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan Still Strong?

Greetings. I am continuing with a few articles about some of our "Church Treasures" or those members who have helped make our congregation vibrant and strong. Last month, Sara Jones recommended that I choose Kay Boyne for my next article.

First, a little note about me. I, Tom Corbin, am the first to admit that I married "over my head" when I took Loren Corbin as my wife. Many ask how a person like me persuaded a person like Loren to marry me. The answer is simple: CHARM. When my dull, grumpy, curmudgeonly personality is inadequate, I have learned to be charming.

The reason I tell you that is because in spite of her beauty, talent, skills, personality, accomplishments and invaluable contribution to our church, Kay Boyne's humility made my job difficult in persuading her to participate in this process. I had to resort to my CHARM. Even after she reluctantly agreed to stand (for just a few moments...) in the spotlight, I had to plead and petition to get her to agree to actually meet



Kay Gorsuch, Music Director

with me. Of course, once she sat down and we started talking about her life, her childhood, her family and the church, her stories were even more charming and fascinating than expected.

Before we proceed we have to agree on one thing, okay? Kay is 39 years old and there can be no further discussion about that. Just believe me (Please?).

Kay's father was Elwood Jacobson from Rudyard, Michigan. He was born in 1913 and went by the nickname "Bus". He worked at Our Own Bakery in Sault Ste Marie. Kay's mother was Brenda Wilson from Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. She was born in 1909 and went by the nickname "Bea". At the ripe old age of 26, Bea decided she wanted a weekend in a foreign country so she came across the St. Mary's river to the cosmopolitan city of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan in the U.S.A. She met and was charmed by a young 22 year old man named Bus and before she could come to her senses, young Bus told her that she had to marry him "this very weekend" or it was over. A friend drove them to St. Ignace where they eloped. Rather than let her mother worry, Bea promptly sent a telegram back home to her mother saying, "I am sailing the Sea of Matrimony." They were married for 63 years...



Bus and Bea Jacobson had three children. The first was Kay's older brother Gary who was 8 years older than Kay. Gary has passed away. The second is Kay's older brother Keith who is 6 years older than Kay. Keith attends Soo Calvary Baptist church with his wife Coralie. Kay has forgiven them for not being Presbyterian.

The Normandy D-Day invasion started on June 6, and 18 days later, on June 24th, Kathleen (Kay) Jacobson was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Kay grew up at 808 E. Spruce Street. Kay graduated from Sault High School on a Thursday and started work at the Montgomery Ward's department store downtown on the following Monday. Kay worked as a cashier at Montgomery Ward's for three years and that is where she met

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her first husband and father of her children, Dennis Gorsuch who became a school teacher in the Soo. He now resides in St. Ignace, MI.

Kay and Dennis had three children, Gary, born 1966, Patti, born 1968, and Greg born 1979. Kay's son Gary Gorsuch is the manager at Gordon Food Service Store. He and his wife Angela have blessed Kay with three grandchildren, Connor (passed), Gabby (20) in nursing school at LSSU, and Garret (18), a high school senior and a member of the Sault High Blue Devils hockey team this year.

Patti and Patti's husband John Larsen live with Kay on Sugar Island. Patti and John have blessed Kay with two grandchildren, Jacob (23), proudly serving in the U.S. Coast Guard and stationed at Charlevoix, MI. and Samantha (20) proudly serving in the U.S. Coast Guard and stationed at Valdez, AK. John Larsen has also blessed Kay with two grandchildren, Jake and Drew, both in their mid 20's. Jake and his wife (Lauren) work at Yellowstone National Park. Drew is a chiropractic assistant.



Kay's son Greg Gorsuch is the Captain of the Sugar Island Ferry. He also

owns Soo Fishing Charters. Greg and his wife, Dunnell have blessed Kay with three grandchildren, Kadence (19), who is attending the LSSU nursing program and plays hockey for the Lady Lakers, Kendyl (8) a future hockey star, and Kayslee (3). (Kendyl adorably showed her hockey medal to the entire church choir on the first week I joined the choir.)



We haven't yet talked about Kay's joy in serving at the church but Kay emphatically stated that her 10 grandchildren, Connor, Gabby, Garrett, Jacob, Samantha, Jake, Drew, Kadence, Kendyl and Kayslee are the JOY of her life!

Kay has been a part of First United Presbyterian Church all her life. She is confident that she was baptized as a baby by Dr. John VerStraate but the documentation and many other treasured memories were lost in a home fire. She spent her youth living at 808 E. Spruce Street. She attended the FUPC Chapel until it closed.

Kay married Bill Boyne from Marlette, Michigan in 1998. Bill passed away in 2020. When Kay's father passed away, the house on Spruce Street was sold and Kay's mother came to live with her and Bill on Sugar Island where Kay provided her mother's care.

Kay's music career began at the age of 6 when she started learning to play the piano. As her mother was a Sunday School teacher for many years at the Chapel, it is not surprising that Kay was persuaded by her mother to take piano lessons and practice...and practice...and practice. Kay told me that once she became a mother herself, she realized that her mother had hoodwinked her into practicing more. Her mother agreed to take over Kay's chore of washing dishes for her as long as Kay would practice piano instead. In retrospect, she realized that the reason her mother was so very slow and deliberate in washing dishes was because that resulted in Kay spending more time practicing piano.



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Kay's mother's strategy was clever because although Kay is not sure of her exact age at the time, somewhere around 12 years old, she found herself playing at Chapel Sunday School at the behest of her mother. Of

course this led to her eventually accompanying at the Chapel Church Service with Rev. David P. McClean. One day at the Chapel (1979?), Kay received a visit from Vern Jacobson (no relation to Kay's parents) who was sent at the behest of Dr. James D. Lyman, pastor of the Bingham Street church. He was sent to persuade Kay to come help play for the youth choir. That led to her joining the church choir and eventually being piano accompanist to Andy Baker, the church Music Director. It is no surprise that Andy Baker, an accomplished organist, also happened to be Kay's piano teacher. He was clearly preparing her to become the eventual church Music Director when he retired. He subsequently retired at the youthful age of 98 and Kay humbly stepped into his responsibilities at the church.



Kay clearly remembers directing her first Cantata in 1981. Outside of our church, Kay also played for Christian Science Church for several years based on a referral from Andy Baker. She has played at many funeral services as well. Kay is an accomplished pianist/organist and feels privileged to have served in the capacity she has for so many years. Please thank Kay Boyne for sharing her talents, grace and time.

(Also, please remember that Kay is only 39 and that I made up all that other stuff about her birth and childhood...).

Next month, per Kay's recommendation, I will try to write about another congregational treasure: Anita Weinrick.

Thank you.

Tom Corbin





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Thank you to everyone that helped "Hang the Greens".

What Does That Mean?

Epiphany: Observed January 6 as a church festival in commemoration of the coming of the Magi as the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles (or in the Eastern Church in commemoration of the baptism of Christ). "Epiphany reminds us of how the light of Jesus Christ continues to guide our lives every day —even after we put away the bright and cheery Christmas lights. Epiphany is a Christian holiday celebrated in the West on January 6. The word "Epiphany" originates from the Greek *epiphaneia*, meaning "manifestation" or "appearance." Also known as "Three Kings Day," the Western church largely celebrates the visit of the three Magi to the newly-born Jesus in Bethlehem that is detailed in Matthew 2:1-12. More broadly, the day of Epiphany commemorates the revelation of Christ as the eternal Savior of all humankind. Not only did Christ reveal himself as the Son of God to the three Magi, but also through his baptism (Mark 1:9-11) as well as through his first miracle in the turning of through Ash Wednesday, highlights all these "theophanies" or "epiphany" of Christ's divinity to the world. All these significant revelations of Jesus have been commemorated on Epiphany at different historical periods and in different regions throughout the Eastern and Western churches. In addition to Christmas and Easter, Epiphany is one of the three oldest Christian feast days." *The Presbyterian Outlook, January 6, 2023*

May 2000 - FUPC Conflagration Tragedy

Greetings. We celebrate our congregation's membership and our history. There have been accomplishments that bring glory to our Lord and setbacks. During my interview with Kay Boyne, she shared the contents of a folder she has created for her church memories. Of course I have heard the sad story of our May 2000 fire before and I saw the pride our congregation took this summer during the 20th anniversary of the first service in the new sanctuary after the fire. It was truly a "Rising from Ashes" event in 2003. I have been told of the heroic campaign the FUPC members made to restore our church building and how God supported the efforts to rebuild. Nevertheless, when I was shown Kay's newspaper clipping of the fire I felt compelled to share it in an article for the Chimes. It would be too expensive to publish the Chimes with the high resolution that would be needed to allow you to read the article text from photos of the newspaper clipping but I have carefully transcribed the text below. *****

Fire consumes landmark Presbyterian Church Sunday

BY JACK STOREY, The Evening News

SAULT STE. MARIE - Little combustible remained in the charred and gutted remains of First United Presbyterian Church, destroyed in a spectacular Sunday afternoon fire. Fire crews remained on the scene of the 2:36 pm Sunday fire early today as clean-up work around the landmark church continued. Bingham Street remained closed to traffic early today as city crews removed charred debris from the scene and firemen rolled sodden hoses. The fire, which reportedly started in an attic over the large church sanctuary, destroyed the stone, steel and wood structure leaving all four walls collapsed and virtually nothing from the historic church's interior. Fire officials are reportedly investigating the cause of the early afternoon fire, reported by a passerby at shortly after 2:35 pm. Sunday afternoon. Nobody was in the church at the time, according to pastor Rev. David Henderson. Rev. Henderson said the day's final service was held at 11 am Sunday, followed by a soup kitchen held at the Bingham Street landmark. He said the church sexton had departed the building between 2 pm and 2:30 pm and did not indicate anything amiss. Just minutes later, a man passing by reported smoke coming from the church roof, far above street level, Rev. Henderson said. The church

Thank You for Having Stood by Me All These Years A Tribute to the First United Presbyterian Church From St. James' Episcopal Church by Lori Tomkinson

For generations you and I have been here Standing tall, welcoming all for spiritual refuge. Our early morning shadows meant a full glorious sunrise upon us. Our chimes calling to our worshippers, uplifting others. You and I shared in each other's joy, Each other's love of God, and each other's sorrow.

We weathered storms, inside our walls ... and out. We joined together to house community events and community worship. We survived change; Yet we watched life go in full circle.

Like bookends, you were there for me, and I for you. But now I stand here ...alone. You, my friend, are gone.

I will miss your presence here next to me. Your chimes, calling our in full splendor to God, are silent. Your place in the community now empty.

Thank you for having stood by my side all these years.

parsonage is located adjacent to the church on Lyon Street. Firefighters summoned to the fire arrived just two minutes after the 2:36 pm alarm but were forced to retreat from the church attic after finding it ablaze. With the outside temperature at about 80 degrees, firemen reported being driven from the small opening to the confined attic. Although it covered



the entire main body of the church, the attic area formed a relatively shallow space beneath the roof and was used only for church maintenance. According to firefighters who arrived first on the scene, the heat and smoke from the blaze forced fire units to pull back until the blaze broke through the massive church roof. Fire crews feared the loss of equipment standing on streets adjacent to the burning building and retreated some distance before they were able to bring hoses to bear on the structure fire. Any question of saving the building apparently carried away when the church roof was breached. The roof was timber framed over the sandstone walled main structure. Soon after they arrived, city firefighters called in reinforcements, alerting both the Soo Township volunteers and an aerial truck unit from the Sault, Ont. fire department. The combined forces man-aged to halt spread of the fire to the adjacent church school building. Fanned by a moderate south-southwest wind at 8-12 mph, the fire threatened to take the school building and a nearby private residence on Dawson Street with it. The church and church school occupied all but one lot of a full city block facing Bingham Street. Working in extremely hot conditions, firefighters managed to halt the spread in the school structure, which sustained smoke and apparently some fire damage

from the huge church fire next door. No cause was cited for the sudden fire but some officials worried that a power surge after an early afternoon electrical outage may have contributed. Rev. Henderson said the unused church attic had been re-insulated recently but he could point to no possible factor that may have started the fire. City Fire Chief Ken Eagle was not available for comment on the fire early today. Rev. Henderson said Eagle told him that the fire could have gotten its start an hour or more before the first alarm was sounded. On the scene in force until about 6 pm, firefighters were unable to halt the destruction in the church proper. The fire burned through the large main floor and all wooden components and fixtures, leaving only heattwisted steel beams and a few upright structural members remaining from open sky to the church basement. The fire spread to the two towers on the Bingham Street front of the building, leaving only a few stark timbers standing from the once-imposing bell tower. Rev. Henderson said church officials are taking what measures they can, adding, "We're thinking about what to do. It looks like World War II all over," he said of the partial shell remaining of the sandstone church. "There are a lot of memories in that old building." Henderson said the building, erected in 1902, was insured. He said community support for the church's loss has been impressive and he indicated First United Presbyterian will rise again. Already thinking of the next stage, he said he does not know if city officials gathered around the burned-out shell today will allow the church to rebuild on the spot. A centennial church, First United Presbyterian was completely destroyed on Sunday. The church was first formed in 1854, according to records.



LANDMARK DESTROYED The distinctive south bell tower is all that remains recognizable from the ruin of First United Presbyterian Church, (above) as combined firefighting crews attempted to salvage a portion of the historic structure. Working far overhead from street level and aerial trucks, the containment effort was not successful as the photo below shows. Partly obscured by smoke. the wooden-framed tower root was last to go in Sunday's blaze that destroyed the 98year-old sandstone church and damaged a church school nearby. All four walls of the old structure collepsed into the church basement, along with the charred remains of roof and main floor. Nothing was salvaged from the church but no injuries were reported in the three-alarm blaze Sunday afternoon.





I have included the three photos that accompanied the article and also a photo from December 2000 provided by Kay Boyne that shows the wreath FUPC displayed on the ruins. Kay also sent me a copy of the lovely tribute poem written by Lori Tomkinson from St. James' Episcopal Church, our neighbor to the north. I am including that photo as well. Blessings to you in 2024.

Thank you. Tom Corbin



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Puzzle!

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Answer: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jeaus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms

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Kay Boyne, Music Director Nicole Mckelvie, Administrative Assistant Jason Fuller, Sexton

Deadline for Newsletter inserts: 15th of each month





Sunday January 28th, 2024