

The Soo Chimes

First United Presbyterian Church

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Pastor's Message

Thanksgiving has been a good holiday for me. I have celebrated it with both immediate family and with larger family gatherings. There has always been plenty to eat; turkey, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, gravy, salad and vegetables that were eatable due to being mixed with bits of bacon. After the feast, there is an NFL game or two to watch and the opportunity to have a beer. I am reminded of the many blessings I have been given. It is a great way to spend a day.

The month of November is an important month in the life of the church. November is the month when the Church asks us to look beyond our blessings. We are encouraged to look beyond what we are thankful for and to ask an even more important question, "What am I doing about what I have been given?" The church has a name for this question and potential answer, stewardship. The church has always called individuals to be accountable for what they have been given and what choices an individual makes in response to those gifts. I don't know when or where it started, but usually this translates to money and financial giving. Biblical stewardship has always spoken to all aspects of

one's life; time, talents, resources, relationships and, yes, money.

The Church has always called individuals to biblical stewardship. The reason for this is very simple. The Bible speaks very frankly that one day we will all be judged by what we have done with what we have been given. Yes, there is a final exam, and all our choices are subject to judgment, (Matt 25:19 NIV) "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them." "When is the last time we spent a few minutes pondering what such a settling of accounts might mean for our choices?"

Peace in Christ, Rev. Mark Gabbard



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.*



Jamison Strange, Malin Maas, Annette Mailes, Dolores Leuvoy, Patty Russell, Carolyn Trumble, Erick Florip, Terry Mason, Scott Wallace, Nellie Harrington, Aaron Corbiere, Carolyn Shaw, Della Porter, Gina Gough, Jon Burgess, Kimberly (Swick) Jewell, Jeffrey Burgess, Donna LaPlaunt, Sandy Shaw, Jane Kellan, Patricia Farnhill, Geraldine Carnahan, Lillian Donelson, Dave & Leslie Henderson, Tara Jean Brody, and all members of missionaries, and the U.S. Armed Forces

Please keep us up to date on your prayer requests.



November 21 @ 5:30p



If you would like anything placed in the newsletter, please provide all of the information, in written form, to the office no later than the deadline each month. Emailed items are best.

Textile Social

(Each 1st, 3rd, & 4th Thursday of the month)

9:30 am– 1:00pm (SH)

Bring a project, or help with our ongoing projects, or just come to visit.

Bring your own sack lunch, and ideas!

-Anita





NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Geraldine Carnahan	10-27	Lee Anne Strange	11/16
Ronald Lawson	11/02	Allie Brawley	11/17
Jodi Rath	11/02	Lois Kenney	11/20
Jeanne Shibley	11/08	Terry Sanderson	11/20
David Henderson	11/11	Ruth Wilson	11/22
Kevin Kenney	11/11	Earl McKechnie	11/23
Judith Carlson	11/12	Steve Gerrish	11/24
Jennie Somes	11/14	Thomas Thoresen	11/24
Verna Campbell	11/16	Edna Koller	11/25
John Goldberg Jr.	11/16	Wanda Eby	11/30



Our next PW meeting
will be November 21st,
at Noon



**COMMUNION
SUNDAY**
November 5th



*Christmas
Cantata
Rehearsal*

Cantata practice will continue through November at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. All are welcome to join the choir in preparing for this special musical event.



*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

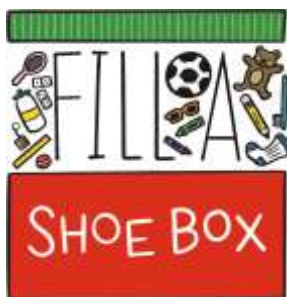
At Home
Mary Jane Bernier
Carolyn Shaw

McKinley Manor
2023 West 4th Avenue
Ardith Bawks
Barb Kenn
Mary Lee Schmidt

Medi-Lodge
1011 Meridian
Jane Kellan



Women's Bible Study Group
meets on Wednesdays at 9:30am



Children's Christmas boxes are available in the office to be packed full of toys, personal care items, school supply's or accessories. Shipping for each box is \$10. They need to be returned by November 13th to be blessed. For additional gift ideas, please visit SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG/OCC or call the church office with any questions.



2023 TEA AND BAZAAR November 4, 2023



"THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD IS JESUS"

General Chair:	Coordinating Team
Poster and tickets designed:	Jeanne Shibley
Decorations:	Upstairs - Cheryl Thoresen Downstairs - Jessica Kuenzer + Coordinating Team
Greeters:	1 st Shift Upstairs - Brenda Ransom and Margaret Eagle 2 nd Shift - Sue Michels and Carla Nicholls
Dining Room:	Jessica Kuenzer and Cathy Akre
Dining Rm Greeters:	Leitha Vollick and Jenny McCain
Tea Ticket Sales:	1 st Shift: Dee Musgrave & Mary Frances Morden, 2 nd Shift:
Kitchen/Knit/Craft:	Sara Jones, Anita Weinrick, Margaret Eagle
Attic Treasures:	Tina Kay
Jewelry Booth:	Connie Pim and Connie Lawrence
Bake Booth:	Verna Campbell/Julie Walsh, Judy Carlson, Wanda Eby, Phyllis Paradiso
Raffle Table:	Amie Lawson
Kitchen:	Alegra Soorus
Tea	Janet Mackie
Cookies	Doris Boogerd, Sue Stevenson, Susan Hovie
Sandwiches	Tammy Graham, Annie Abbott, Pat Newhouse, FrancieWaybrant
Package Check:	Kristeen Mason

Thursday, October 27 – Set up Christmas Trees in Social Hall
Decorate Trees Oct 28 – Nov. 2. All to be done by Thursday p.m.

Assignment of Trees: 12 Trees

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| 1. Leitha Vollick | 7. Alegra Soorus |
| 2. Textiles | 8. Judy Carlson |
| 3. Choir | 9. Jennie McCain |
| 4. Circle 3 | 10. Kids Tree |
| 5. Deacons | 11. |
| 6. Trustees | 12. |

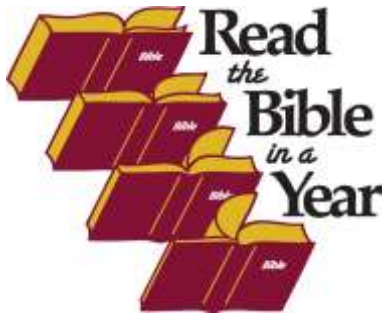
Kitchen Help & Cleanup: Fred Michels, Gary Deuman, Jim Pim
 Plus anyone else who would like to help get the church back to original setup and ready for Sunday Services.

REMINDER: WE NEEDS LOTS OF DONATIONS OF FRESH BAKED GOODS, CRAFTS, KNITTING AND KITCHEN ITEMS, GRAMMA'S ATTIC TREASURES AND JEWELRY; THE RAFFLE TABLE IS LOOKING FOR RAFFLE ITEMS.

We will be working at the church the entire week before the Bazaar, so if you have some extra time we really could use your help. We have lots of setup to do and lots of decorating, including trees to get done. We have lots of fun and always have snacks and coffee available for all our workers. We look forward to another successful Bazaar and securing funding for all our mission projects.

Our Next PW Meeting is November 21 at noon. This will be a Bazaar Wrap-Up Meeting and final report. We will also be working on our Annual Report for 2023.





GIVE THANKS



Mens Bible Study
9:00 AM every Friday!

1	1 Timothy 3	Isaiah 36-37	Psalms 119:97-120
2	1 Timothy 4	Isaiah 38-39	Psalms 119:121-144
3	1 Timothy 5:1-22	Jeremiah 1-2	Psalms 119:145-176
4	1 Timothy 5:23-6:21	Jeremiah 3-4	Psalms 120
5	2 Timothy 1	Jeremiah 5-6	Psalms 121
6	2 Timothy 2	Jeremiah 7-8	Psalms 122
7	2 Timothy 3	Jeremiah 9-10	Psalms 123
8	2 Timothy 4	Jeremiah 11-12	Psalms 124
9	Titus 1	Jeremiah 13-14	Psalms 125
10	Titus 2	Jeremiah 15-16	Psalms 126
11	Titus 3	Jeremiah 17-18	Psalms 127
12	Philemon	Jeremiah 19-20	Psalms 128
13	James 1	Jeremiah 21-22	Psalms 129
14	James 2	Jeremiah 23-24	Psalms 130
15	James 3	Jeremiah 25-26	Psalms 131
16	James 4	Jeremiah 27-28	Psalms 132
17	James 5	Jeremiah 29-30	Psalms 133
18	1 Peter 1	Jeremiah 31-32	Psalms 134
19	1 Peter 2	Jeremiah 33-34	Psalms 135
20	1 Peter 3	Jeremiah 35-36	Psalms 136
21	1 Peter 4	Jeremiah 37-38	Psalms 137
22	1 Peter 5	Jeremiah 39-40	Psalms 138
23	2 Peter 1	Jeremiah 41-42	Psalms 139
24	2 Peter 2	Jeremiah 43-44	Psalms 140
25	2 Peter 3	Jeremiah 45-46	Psalms 141
26	Galatians 1	Jeremiah 47-48	Psalms 142
27	Galatians 2	Jeremiah 49-50	Psalms 143
28	Galatians 3:1-18	Jeremiah 51-52	Psalms 144
29	Galatians 3:19-4:20	Lamentations 1-2	Psalms 145
30	Galatians 4:21-31	Lamentations 3-4	Psalms 146

Puzzle!

Write the words below in alphabetical order inside the squares. Then read down the second column to discover the sentence that begins and ends Psalms 146, 147, 148, 149 and 150.

FEAST
KHAKI
MOUTH
ESSAY
LLAMA
ORBIT
CARRY
UDDER
BRUSH
ITEMS
APPLE
LEARN
CIDER

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Answer:

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Answer: Praise the Lord!

Church Treasure

Lee Mason



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

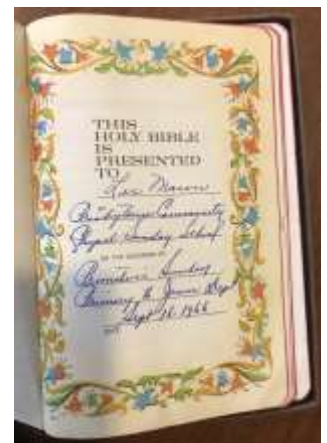
Greetings. I am continuing with a few articles about some of our “Church Treasures” or those members who have helped make our congregation vibrant and strong. Last month, Suzanne Stevenson recommended that I choose Lee Mason for my next article.

66 years ago, on March 10, 1957, while President Dwight D. Eisenhower was serving his second term, Sault Ste. Marie’s Robert Mason and Bonnie Mason (nee Drews) brought Lee Arlan Mason into the world (see photo of his parents). Lee is the first member of our church that I have written about from the Baby Boomer generation. Lee has a sister, Brenda Napoletano living in Dafer, MI. Clearly a faithful Christian and a devoted family man, Lee brought in some family pictures and two Bibles. One of the Bibles was a lovely white one packaged in a beautiful finished wood enclosure that had belonged to his grandmother. (see photo of Bible below).



Lee grew up in the Soo. During his childhood, Lee attended church with his mother and grandmother at Bethel Church in Newberry, MI. He also has fond memories of attending the Presbyterian Community Chapel Sunday School. He brought in the Bible he received on Promotion Sunday, Sept. 18, 1966 (see photo right, of inscription in Bible). The Presbyterian Community Chapel was on Greenough Street just across from the Jefferson

school. It was opened in a former Methodist Mission building in 1926 but closed in 1981 due to the cost of upkeep. Lee remembers when his father helped build the addition to the Chapel and also remembers being taught by Mrs. Bumstead (superintendent), Mrs. Jacobson (Kay Boyne’s mother), Mrs. Headley, and Mrs. Wilcox, among others. He remembers with sadness Rev. Kipp’s leading the final service at the Chapel, but he loved the fact that a dedicated Chapel Service was continued at the Bingham Street church.



Before graduating from Sault Ste Marie Area High School in 1975, Lee worked at the American Merchant Marine Library providing books for crews of ships. Lee mentioned that it is the only Merchant Marine library branch on the Great Lakes. After high school, Lee attended Lake Superior State University and earned his Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Science. After college, Lee worked in the Environmental Health Section of the Chippewa County Health Department for 33 years. After that he worked at Walmart for 10 more years before retiring.



Kristeen (nee) Barras and Lee Mason were married in our church in 1988 (see wedding photo). Interim pastor Rev. Nancy Tomlinson performed the ceremony. Gary Goetz was a groomsman at his wedding (see photo of Gary and Lee) and his friend Jim Monroe was his best man. The Masons have two daughters, Jeanine and Sarah, and one son, Carl (named after his grandfather Carl). All three of the Mason children still live in the area. The Masons also have six grandchildren: Kalan, Killian, Callee, Corbin, Camden and Kristi. (Just imagine trying not to mix up names when those six grandchildren are in the same room!).



Lee and Kristeen taught together in our Sunday School for 17 years. He said they mainly taught 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students. Lee is an exemplary church member and is serving his fourth year as an Elder. Along with being a dedicated and involved member of our church, Lee loves to go camping with his family and enjoys building plastic model kits. Lee is cool and collected. I am sure there's more to tell and I gave him ample opportunity to brag (okay, actually I pushed and prodded him...) but that is not the Lee I know from Session. He is a soft-spoken, humble and circumspect individual. He is also a very nice man and we are grateful for his presence and example in our congregation.

Next month, per Lee's recommendation, I will try to write about another congregational treasure: Sara Jones.

Thank you. Tom Corbin



Greetings. While interviewing Suzanne Stevenson for the October Chimes article about our Church Treasures, Suzanne showed me a publication from our church called: "First Presbyterian Church: Church Building Canvass, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 1956." While reading it, I found out that the booklet was published at the time to solicit church and community support to build an education unit with a goal of raising \$150,000.00 in pledges. There was ample insight into our church heritage, faith and focus. Reverend David McClean wrote an opening article along with many other members throughout the booklet. For me, the most interesting article of the book was about our congregational history. I decided that this would be a wonderful article to republish in the Chimes for our current congregation to enjoy. If it is too long for you to read it all, make sure you read at least the second to the last paragraph!

"Presbyterianism In Sault Ste Marie: A Historical Saga."

Our church has a fascinating and storied heritage. It began when Jeremiah Porter (pictured right), a divinity student at Princeton Theological Seminary, received a call to exploit the wilderness of the Northwest Territory in the name of the Kingdom of God in 1831 and it has continued down to the present day (1956). The history of our church has been colored by star-studded luminaries who left their mark on the picturesque past of Sault Ste Marie and the story of our great nation. Such names as John Johnston, Henry R. Schoolcraft, Robert Stuart, Rev. Abel Bingham, Rev. T. R. Easterday, Rev. James S. Kennedy and many others, make the past episode of our church read like an intriguing novel.



It was a real challenge to young Jeremiah Porter of Hadley, Massachusetts to make the quick transition from his ordination on Oct. 3, 1831 to traveling by mail stage to Albany, canal boat to Buffalo and passage on the last steamboat of the season to Mackinac Island. He began the last leg of his hazardous journey on Thanksgiving Day in an Indian canoe dispatched by Henry Schoolcraft, Indian Agent for this territory and was accompanied by three French-Indian paddlers. It was during his short stay on Mackinac Island with Robert Stuart, later a member of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, that the Rev. Porter first met Eliza Chappel who was destined to become his wife.

Several days after Thanksgiving had passed, the canoe rounded the turn of St. Mary's river below the Rapids and Jeremiah Porter's eyes focused on a sight beautiful to behold. He was struck by the beauty of "Elmwood" (pictured left), a stately white house built after the best fashions of New England and knew instinctively that he was gazing at the home of Henry Schoolcraft and his wife Jane, daughter of John Johnston and Princess Neengai. It was in this comfortable home that he was to spend his first winter in this virgin territory. His keen eyes quickly picked out the buildings of Fort Brady and the Indian settlement with its orderly cluster of lodges at the foot of the Rapids.



Through the able assistance of Mr. Schoolcraft and his cultured wife Jane, who spent much time in Europe in intellectual pursuit, the young Rev. Porter soon found himself ready to teach the Gospel of God to the Indians and white settlers alike. Except for sporadic missions by the Jesuits and the humble beginnings of Rev. Abel Bingham who came here in 1828 representing the American Baptist Missionary Society, this region was starving for spiritual food.

Rev. Bingham was most cooperative and offered to share his church and school, located on what is now the corner of Portage Avenue and Bingham with the Presbyterian minister, but Rev. Porter did not feel that this union would accomplish his true purpose. Through the grace of Jane Johnston Schoolcraft (pictured right), a vacant store building was fitted up and used for worship services. The church was actually organized in January 1832 with seven members and the elders elected were Henry R. Schoolcraft and Major deLafayette Wilcox, commandant of Fort Brady. To accommodate the increasing membership, a church with a tiny white steeple was erected by Mrs. John Johnston, the former Princess Neengai, a full-blooded Chippewa Indian. While there is no written record of the exact location of this church, it appears to have been located in the approximate location of the present Pillar Community Building grounds. The church as remembered by later Sooites was the one located where the Polyclinic now (1956) stands and this was built and given as a gift to the congregation by Charles T. Harvey, builder of our famous Soo Locks. Once again the congregation outgrew its facilities and in 1902, the present structure was built.



In later years, outstanding names connected with our church were those of Rev. T. R. Easterday (pictured left), whose tenure was seventeen years and Rev. John VerStraate, (pictured right) who was with us for a quarter century. The devotion of these men was exemplified by the growth of the church until we once more find ourselves bursting at the seams and now under the able leadership of your present pastor, the Rev. David McClean, in need of expansion.



First Presbyterian Church of this city can well be proud of the fact that it was the mother of the First Presbyterian Church of Chicago. Much of the Fort (Brady) personnel was transferred to Chicago in 1833 and Rev. Porter, sensing the need for church organization there, went with them to Fort Dearborn. The nucleus of Chicago's vast Presbyterian empire was formed by officers and soldiers of the Sault church and had its humble beginning under our first pastor the Rev. Jeremiah Porter. Now we stand on the threshold of new era for our church. Already enriched by a poignant history and treasured tradition, we face a new challenge. CAN WE MEET IT? The author of the article above is uncertain but it sure is interesting, don't you agree?

Thanks, Tom Corbin



What does that mean?



"Hanging of the Greens" refers to the practice of adding evergreens (live or artificial) to a congregation's worship space. This is generally done either just before, or on, the first Sunday of Advent in preparation for Christmas. The history of decorating with winter

evergreens dates to Martin Luther's ministry in the early 1500's. Luther saw evergreens as a symbol of the unchanging nature of God. He encouraged people to decorate their homes and churches with evergreens during the Christmas season to symbolize everlasting life through Jesus Christ. Many churches began to celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season with a ceremonial "Hanging of the Greens." Sprays, garlands, wreaths, and trees were hung and displayed in conjunction with Advent, a time of expectant waiting in preparation of the celebration of Christ's birth. As a circle, the Advent wreath is a reminder of God who has no beginning or end. The wreath evergreens speak to the hope and renewal of eternal life. Candles symbolize Christ as the light of the world. Some churches do this event as part of a worship service, while others use it as a fellowship event. We do the latter, and we will be "Hanging the Greens" after the worship service on November 26th this year. We hope you can join in!

Jason celebrated
his birthday on
October 19




1,750 years ago Constantine 1 (the Great) was the first Roman emperor to embrace the Christian faith. He was most active in the Church. Constantine sought to heal divisions in the church. He prepared and called for the Council of Nicea (325 AD). A result of this council was the adoption of the Nicene Creed. The Nicene Creed is one of the great ecumenical creeds of the Western church. It is one of our Presbyterian creeds. To this day, this creed separates the Western church from the Eastern Orthodox church because of the "*filioque clause*".

Rev. Dennis Boogerd



We believe in one God,
The Father almighty,
Maker of Heaven and earth,
Of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
The only Son of God,
Begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
True God from true God
Begotten, not made:
Of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven:
He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
And was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate:
He suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory
To judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
The Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father *and the Son*,
And with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
And to the life in the world to come. Amen



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:00am Women's Bible Study (WR) 6:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Cantata Practice	2 10:00am Textile Social (SH)	3 9:00am Men's Bible Study (WR)	4 1:00pm Tea 8Bazaar 7:00pm A.A. (WR)
5 9:00a Early Social Hour 9:15am Choir Practice 10:00a Sunday School 10:00a Worship Service	6 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH)	7 7:00pm AA (WR)	8 6:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Cantata Practice	9 9:30am Circle 3 (WR)	10 9:00am Men's Bible Study (WR)	11 7:00pm A.A. (WR)
Communion						
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Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 1p.m.
Monday—Thursday

Sunday Worship Schedule

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

Church Staff

Rev. Mark Gabbard, Minister
Brenda Ransom, CRE
Kay Boyne, Music Director
Nicole Mckelvie, Administrative Assistant
Jason Fuller, Sexton

**Deadline for Newsletter inserts:
15th of each month**

The Light of the World is Jesus

2023 Annual Tea & Bazaar

Saturday November 4th

From 1-3:30 p.m.

Tickets \$7



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