



The Soo Chimes

First United Presbyterian Church



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Pastor's Message



Holy Week is a special time in the life of the Church. From the time of the early Church to today, the Church has engaged in activities to remind the faithful this week is set apart from any other.

To get technical, Holy Week is eight days rather than the traditional seven. It starts on Palm Sunday when the Church remembers Jesus riding into Jerusalem to fulfill prophecy about the Messiah.

Maundy Thursday is a commemoration of Jesus' last meal with his disciples. We remember Jesus instituting the Sacrament of Holy Communion, his body and blood shed for us. Jesus used this evening meal to give some of his most sacred teachings, such as the command of love to serve others. Maundy Thursday can end with an emphasis on Jesus' meal with the apostles or it can continue to encompass his suffering in the garden of Gethsemane. It was here that Jesus wrestled with the weight of the sins of the world. Some mystics have claimed the Gethsemane experience of Jesus was more trying than the events of Good Friday. They assert the pain of our sins wounded Jesus more deeply than the physical wounds of scourging and crucifixion.

Good Friday, also known as the Friday we call Good, marks Jesus' trial and crucifixion. Jesus is remembered for bearing his pain without complaint. On the cross, Jesus absolves us of our sin and even remembers the material needs of his mother in asking John to provide for her. John, in his Gospel, has

Jesus dying just as the Passover lambs are being slaughtered.

Good Friday was a crushing time for the disciples as they watched the one they love, and all their hopes, die before their eyes. Yet, we see God working even in this as Joseph of Arimathea completes prophecy by asking for Jesus' body, placing him in his tomb and, with the holy women, beginning the preparations for burial.

Easter Morning ends Holy Week. It begins with the holy women going to the tomb to finish Jesus' burial preparation that they had started before the Sabbath began. To their surprise he is not there and some Angels have some wonderful and startling news, he is not dead but alive!

We invite everyone to take part with us in the celebration of this week. We have a Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00pm. A potluck will proceed the service at 5:45pm.

The community Good Friday Service will be at the Central United Methodist Church on E Spruce St at 1:00pm.

Peace in Christ

- Pastor Mark

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.***



Robert Corbin, Erick Florip, Terry Mason, Karen Brook, Scott Wallace, Nellie Harrington, Tom Woodgate, Gina Gough, Kimberly (Swick) Jewell, John Burgess, Joyce Cross, Sandy Shaw, Jane Kellan, Jeffrey Burgess, Carolyn Shaw, Della Porter, Donna LaPlaunt, William Kellan, Lillian Donelson, Patricia Farnhill, Dave & Leslie Henderson, Geraldine Carnahan, Tara Jean Brody, Wendy (Menard) James and all members of missionaries and the U.S. Armed Forces.

Please keep us up to date on your prayer requests.



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

Freighter View Assisted Living
605 West Portage Avenue
Audrey Bush

At Home
Mary Jane Bernier
Flora Fortin
Carolyn Shaw

Medi-Lodge
1011 Meridian
Jane Kellan

McKinley Manor
2023 West 4th Avenue
Ardith Bawks
John and Barb Kenn
Peg Zenda

Devotions

Mary Frances Morden

Food Pantry

Distribution

4/11/23– Pat & Patty

4/25/23– Jeanne Shibley

Mary Frances Morden



Shopping & Bagging

Doris Boogerd



Tina & Earl Kay 04/02

Jackie & Kevin Tastor 04/13

Leanne & Gary Deuman 04/25



9:15 am Sundays

6:00 pm Wednesdays

Rides Available

Transportation Deacons

If you need a ride to church please contact the office



Cathy Akre



Rich Campbell	04/01	Ashtin Kay	04/14
Amie Lawson	04/01	Alicia Cottle	04/16
Mary Frances Morden	04/01	Bonita Lawson	04/16
Kent Nicholls	04/01	Wendy Pearce	04/17
Tina Kay	04/04	Thomas Martin	04/18
Cynthia Howson	04/07	Susan Hovie	04/23
Gary Dueman	04/10	Sasra Jones	04/23
Kelsey Justin	04/10	Jennie McCain	04/24
Carol Rohweder	04/10	Patty Russell	04/27
Margaret Sabourin	04/11	David Deatrick	04/30
Dennis Rutledge	04/13	Margaret Kellan	04/30



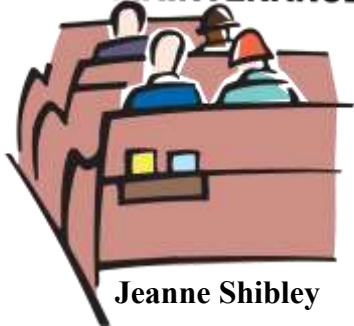
Communion
Maundy Thursday
April 6th



Newsletter Deadline
15th of each month

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

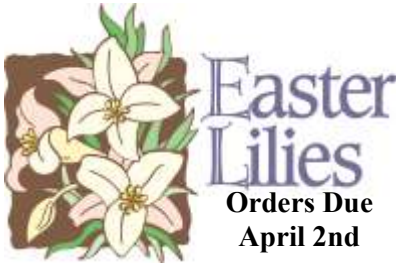
PEW MAINTENANCE



Jeanne Shibley



COFFEE and Cookies
Sunday
April 16



Easter Lilies
Orders Due
April 2nd



Mens Bible Study
9:00 AM every Friday!



DEACON'S MEETING
April 16, 2023



Trustees Meeting
April, 18, 2023



Session Meets
April 17, 2023

Textile Social

10:00 am– 1:00pm (SH)
(1st, 3rd, & 4th Thursday of the month)

Bring a project, or help with our ongoing projects, or just come to visit. Bring your own sack lunch, and Ideas!



Happy 1st Birthday
Everley Rath
and Lucas Moening,



Presbyterian Women News:

PW met on March 21 at 12:00 noon. We had good discussions about our annual projects.

We are working on plans for a ladies summer event. At our April meeting we will be finalizing our plans. We hope more ladies are available for this meeting to help work out the details.

Our Rummage Sale is scheduled for **August 5, 2023**. Start saving items now so we will have lots to sell and have a successful sale. Remember, all our proceeds go to mission projects and our own church needs.

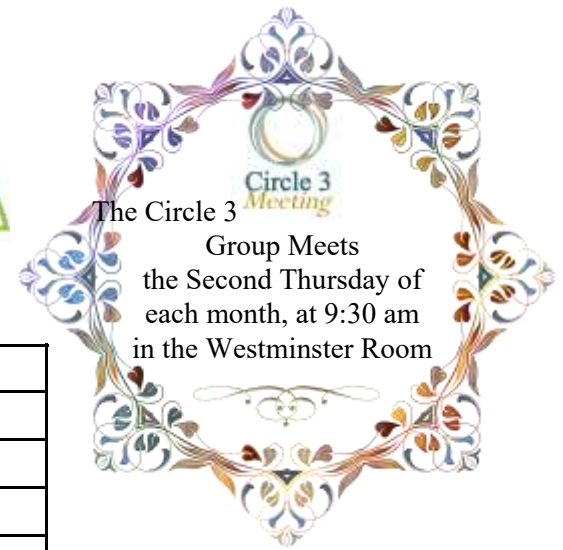
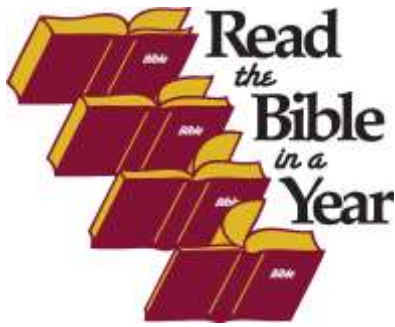
Our Bazaar is scheduled for **November 5, 2023** and the theme will be: "The Light of the World is Jesus". We would like to get a Chairman, Co-Chairman and Decorations Chairman as soon as possible. If you volunteer, you will receive lots of help and support from all. If you are interested in any of these jobs please see Alegra or Jessica.

Our next meeting is **April 18, 2023 at 12:00 noon**. Bring your lunch and lots of ideas. Dessert is always provided.



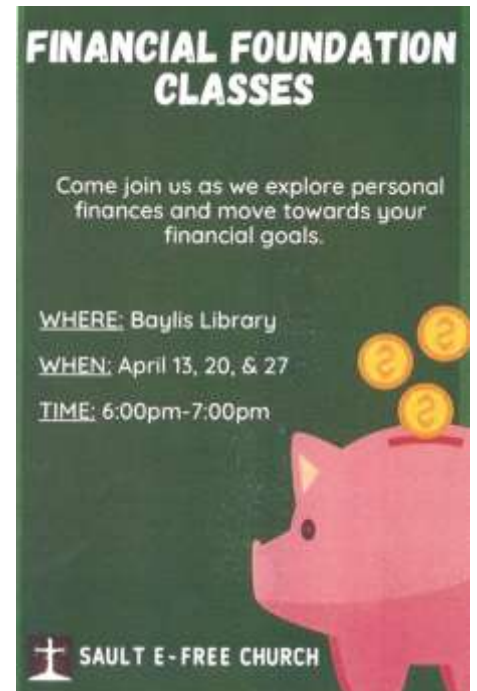
During the month of April, the Wednesday Women's Bible Study group is requesting non-food items for our church's Food Pantry. There continues an increasing number of bags being distributed, with a large need for the following items: paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, laundry detergent, toothpaste, and bar soap. Thank you for your continued generosity toward the monthly missions. The recipients are always so appreciative. God Bless!





The Circle 3
Group Meets
the Second Thursday of
each month, at 9:30 am
in the Westminster Room

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





Come join us!

Why Does Our Church Have a Cottage on Sugar Island?

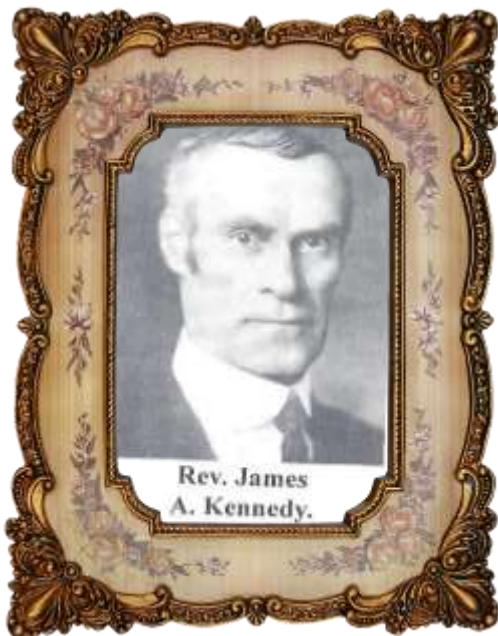


If you look online at the website for our congregation (www.soopresbyterian.org) and click on the third pull-down menu labeled "Items of Interest", the 4th selection down on the menu is "Retreat Cottage". Going to that webpage will provide you with some more detailed information about the cottage. But how did it come to be and why does the church own it?

The cottage is actually built from wood that was salvaged from the Presbyterian wood stave church built on the corner of Maple and Court Streets (the location of the present day Court House Annex). The wood church was completed in 1854 by the church members and the Harvey Construction Company (builder of the first lock in the Soo Locks). As a result, the church building has been referred to as the "Harvey" church. When the first Bingham Street church was dedicated in 1903, the Harvey church was effectively left empty and abandoned.



In 1911 Rev. Kennedy and another member, Jay Sutton, purchased the church building from the Harvey company. The church was subsequently torn down and the salvaged wood was sent by barge to Sugar Island where the Kennedy family built two cottages with it. Mark Kennedy, the grandson of Rev. Kennedy, donated the cottage to the church in 2008 after his brother passed away. This gift to the church was in keeping with the brothers plans. Mark Kennedy still owns the 2nd cottage that is next door; just north of the Retreat Cottage.



As you can see, the cottage is rich in church history.






The Retreat Cottage is a lovely place for a getaway and the plans to make some improvements should only make it better.

-Tom Corbin



Send a LETTER to a Friend

Materials you'll need:

-  Paper
-  Something to write with – pencil, pen, crayon or marker
-  Scissors
-  Envelope
-  First Class stamp – 37¢

Spiral Letter

Write a letter to a special friend. Make the letter fun by writing in a spiral. Start at the top corner of your paper and rotate the paper as you write. Your words will spiral into the center of the page.

Dear Susie, I hope you are doing well. You are my best friend. I want to visit you soon. Love, Pat. Happy Friendship Day.



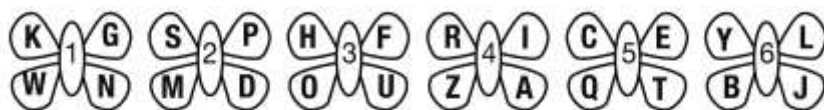
Puzzle Letter

Draw and color a picture of you and your friend. Sign your name and then cut your picture into 6 or 8 pieces. Don't make the pieces too small or it will be hard for your friend to put them together.

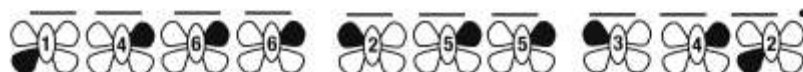
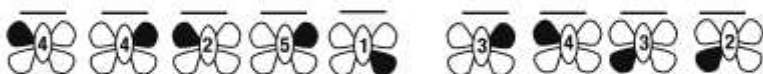
Put your letter or puzzle pieces in the envelope. Address the envelope, put the stamp on and mail it to your friend or deliver it in person.

Puzzle!

Use the code to uncover the angel's message in Matthew 28:7 (NIV).





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Answer: “He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.”



2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:00am Early Social Hour 10:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service	27 7:00pm Boy Scouts	28 3:30pm Food pantry	29 9:30am Womens Bible Study 6:00pm Choir Practice	30 10:00pm Textile	31 9:00am Mens Bible Study	1 9:00am aa 7:00pm NA
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EASTER						
16 9:00am Early Social Hour 10:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:15am Deacons Meeting	17 5:30pm Session Meeting 7:00pm Boy Scouts	18 12:00pm PW Meeting 5:30pm Trustee Meeting	19 9:30am Womens Bible Study 6:00pm Choir Practice	20 10:00pm Textile	21 9:00am Mens Bible Study	22 9:00am aa 7:00pm NA
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Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 2p.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, Financial/Administrative Assistant
Jay Baier, Sexton

**Deadline for Next issue:
15th of each month**

**Christ has been raised
from the dead,
the first fruits of those
who have died.**

1 Corinthians 15:20, NRSV