



The Soo Chimes

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Pastor's Message

On Sunday I heard a really good children's sermon. It encouraged us to be thankful for all the gifts we have in our lives. I started thinking immediately about the music we have had in our worship services. Last year we shut down our services due to COVID. When we opened back up there were a lot of questions. One of the things I have been thankful for is the music that has been part of our worship services. We have been fortunate to have individuals who have given their time, effort and talents to lift us in the worship of God. I know it has been very important for me.

We have also been fortunate to have good leadership throughout this period. The Trustees spent a lot of time in research and discussions about how to open back up safely. Session has also spent a good deal of time weighing when and how to remove various restrictions. Church members have also been great in terms of working together in a time where differences of opinion could have caused problems. With the amount of information about COVID and the sometimes conflicting interpretation of the information, it is not surprising sharp and intense differences have occurred between people in our society.

I am very thankful for the way our membership has handled the challenges over the past two years. Speaking of moving forward, the news has brought us more scare media lately concerning COVID. There is a new push to return to masks. We are not going backwards in this regard, because it doesn't follow the science. Here is the good

news, every scientific study shows that if you have received both doses of the vaccine you do not need to wear masks. If you have been vaccinated, you are not only protected from the original COVID but all the scary variants in the news. So there is no reasons to mask for the sake of the vaccinated. For those who are unvaccinated, scientific studies show about half of those unvaccinated in America have the antibodies. This means they had COVID and got over it. These individuals have the same immunities as the vaccinated. Scientific studies show those who had COVID and recovered are not a threat to others the same way the vaccinated are not a threat.

So that leaves those who are not vaccinated and do not have the antibodies. Should we mask for them? First, those who are either vaccinated or got COVID and recovered are not a threat to them according to the science. So, no need for them to mask. What about those who are not vaccinated and don't have the antibodies, are they a danger to each other? Yes and that is why the cases are growing in this group. So we should mask for them? Again, those who are vaccinated or possess antibodies are not a threat to them. As for those who are not vaccinated and don't have the antibodies, should they mask to help each other? At the beginning of the pandemic when it was thought that infection was mainly through contact on surfaces or water droplets expelled during respiration, it made sense to

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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.



Deacon's Corner

The next Deacon's
Meeting will be held on
August 15th



**August
15th!!!**



Prayer Requests

Family of Joyce Pines, Diane McMeeken,
Charles Porter, John Burgess, Jeffrey Burgess,
Carolyn Shaw, Gina Gough, Debbie Stover,
Sandy Shaw, Scott Kallemeyn, Andrea Klier, Jennifer Veum,
Della Porter, Shelby Myers, Donna LaPlaunt, Tom Woodgate, Jane Kellan,
Joyce Cross, Matilynn Strange, William Kellan, Dave & Leslie Henderson,
Patricia Farnhill, Lillian Donelson, 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.



It's our turn! The *Simply Give* campaign donations from Meijer are coming to our church for the Food Pantry this fall. The campaign runs from now through October 2 with double match days on August 14th and 21st. Your continued support allows us to maintain two days of food distribution a month on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 3:30-5 pm.

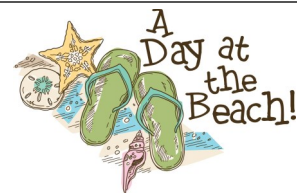
The Deacons still need your assistance as we serve the congregation. Are you able to provide someone a ride to church? Or keep in touch with member unable to attend or participate in church activities? Perhaps you can pray on another's behalf, or assist with distributing groceries for the Food Pantry. All helping hands are welcome. Help us to be the sanctuary others need.

Your Deacons

Thank you for your continued support of our missions.

From the ends of the earth,
I cry to you for help
when my heart is overwhelmed.
Lead me to the towering rock of
safety,
for you are my refuge,
a fortress where my enemies
cannot reach me.
Let me live forever in your
sanctuary,
safe beneath the shelter of your
wings.

— Psalm 61:2-5



HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Out of Town

Della Porter

Cross Roads Village

6600 Constitution Blvd Room 605

Portage, MI 49024

At Home

Mary Jane Bernier

Bev Ward

Medi-Lodge

1011 Meridian

Jane Kellan Room B15

Long Term Care

500 Osborn Blvd

Marion Osborn

Alice Soorus

Freighter View Assisted Living 605 West Portage Avenue

Audrey Bush

Elva Hutzler

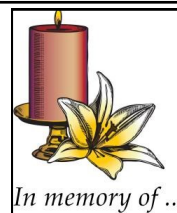
Vera Steffens

McKinley Manor 2023 West 4th Avenue

Ardith Bawks

John and Barb Kenn

Peg Zenda



In memory of ...

Joyce Pines

07/10/21

AUGUST



MUSGRAVE, Deanna	08/01	BLAIR, Ronald	08/16
CORBIERE, Brenda	08/02	LACKEY, Roberta	08/17
TASTOR, Kevin	08/07	LEON, Robert	08/17
MARSH, Terri	08/09	LEHMAN, Gary	08/18
MICHEL, Sue	08/09	LAWSON, Steven	08/19
ZANE, Audrey	08/13	GORSUCH, Kadence	08/21
		STEFFENS, Vera	08/23
		SOORUS, Alegria	08/25
		GERRIE Jr., Donald	08/27
		STRATTON III, Robert	08/28



Office will be closed on
Fridays, through
September 3rd.



Sunday

August 1, 2021



Need a
Ride to Church?



Cathy Akre,
Wanda Eby,
Jeanne Shibley,
&
Cheryl Thoresen



GORSUCH, Gary and Angela	08/03
LAWSON, Ronald and Bonita	08/06
MARTIN, James and Julie	08/08
TRUMBLE, Glenn and Carolyn	08/09
MCKECHNIE, Earl and Phyllis	08/14
HILL, Gary and Joan	08/20
HENDERSON, David and Leslie	08/29
BRAWLEY, Richard and Carol	08/31



Meijer's Simply Give Campaign

is July 4 through October 2!

Our pantry benefits from the proceeds of this campaign. Meijer will match every \$10 donated to the campaign. In turn, our pantry will receive gift cards to make food purchases.

**Double match days are
August 14 and 28.**

Food Pantry



Shopping & Bagging:
Doris Boogerd

Food Distribution:
08/10 –Mary Frances & Doris
08/24 - Jeanne





PW NOTES



PW Rummage Sale

August 2nd – August 5th
(Monday – Thursday) 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Drop Off of goods for sale
large items stored in nursery until Friday
everything else goes to social hall

Sorting and Displaying of goods in Social Hall
– need workers each day

August 6th – 9:00 a.m. - ?
- Final Day of sorting and displaying of goods

August 7th - RUMMAGE SALE 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Let's make this a success.

All proceeds go towards church missions.

If you are unable to bring items to the church during these times,
call Alegra (632-3972) and she will make arrangements for you.



Roberta Lackey



Dish Cloths!
Colors to match every kitchen
Only \$1.25 each

Available in the church office.



Scrubbies

\$3.00 Each or
\$8.00 for Three

Suggested uses for
Scrubbies that won't
Scratch:

Scrub Dishes, Pots, & Pans
Scrub Veggies
Scrub Bugs off Windshields
Scrub Bathtubs and Sinks



August Mission Project

The Wednesday Women's Bible Study is partnering with the Salvation Army for the month of August to help provide paper products to those in need. The following items are being requested:

Paper towels
Toilet paper
Feminine hygiene supplies.

God has so generously blessed us, and we thank you for your donations to help others in need.

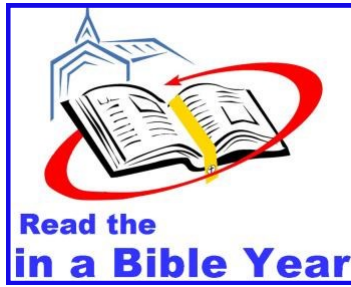
Once again, thank you for all your generosity in donating to our community agencies!

recommend masking. Science has learned a lot during the COVID pandemic. Science has proved that COVID can be transmitted through aerosol viral load that masks just can't help with even surgical masks. To prevent such transmission you need an N95 mask or better for protection.

The bottom line is if you want protection get the vaccine. If you don't want to get the vaccine, masks are not going to help with aerosol viral load. So despite the noise changing our mask policies is not going to help.

Peace in Christ,
Mark

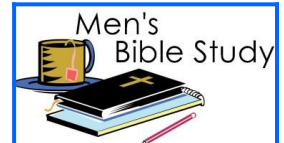
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1	1 Corinthians 16	2 Kings 12-13	Micah 3
2	2 Corinthians 1:1-2:4	2 Kings 14	Micah 4:1-5:1
3	2 Corinthians 2:5-3:18	2 Kings 15-16	Micah 5:2-15
4	2 Corinthians 4:1-5:10	2 Kings 17	Micah 6
5	2 Corinthians 5:11-6:13	2 Kings 18	Micah 7
6	2 Corinthians 6:14-7:16	2 Kings 19	Nahum 1
7	2 Corinthians 8	2 Kings 20-21	Nahum 2
8	2 Corinthians 9	2 Kings 22:1-23:35	Nahum 3
9	2 Corinthians 10	2 Kings 23:36-24:20	Habakkuk 1
10	2 Corinthians 11	2 Kings 25	Habakkuk 2
11	2 Corinthians 12	1 Chronicles 1-2	Habakkuk 3
12	2 Corinthians 13	1 Chronicles 3-4	Zephaniah 1
13	John 1:1-18	1 Chronicles 5-6	Zephaniah 2
14	John 1:19-34	1 Chronicles 7-8	Zephaniah 3
15	John 1:35-51	1 Chronicles 9	Haggai 1-2
16	John 2	1 Chronicles 10-11	Zechariah 1
17	John 3:1-21	1 Chronicles 12	Zechariah 2
18	John 3:22-36	1 Chronicles 13-14	Zechariah 3
19	John 4:1-26	1 Chronicles 15:1-16:6	Zechariah 4
20	John 4:27-42	1 Chronicles 16:7-43	Zechariah 5
21	John 4:43-54	1 Chronicles 17	Zechariah 6
22	John 5:1-18	1 Chronicles 18-19	Zechariah 7
23	John 5:19-47	1 Chronicles 20:1-22:1	Zechariah 8
24	John 6:1-21	1 Chronicles 22:2-23:32	Zechariah 9
25	John 6:22-59	1 Chronicles 24	Zechariah 10
26	John 6:60-71	1 Chronicles 25-26	Zechariah 11
27	John 7:1-24	1 Chronicles 27-28	Zechariah 12
28	John 7:25-52	1 Chronicles 29	Zechariah 13
29	John 8:1-20	2 Chronicles 1:1-2:16	Zechariah 14
30	John 8:21-47	2 Chronicles 2:17-5:1	Malachi 1:1-2:9
31	John 8:48-59	2 Chronicles 5:2-14	Malachi 2:10-16



*Julie Walsh
&
Wanda Eby*



The study group meets
every Friday morning
at 9:00 am.



Jeanne Shibley



*Women's
Bible Study*

The study has discontinued
their studies for the summer.

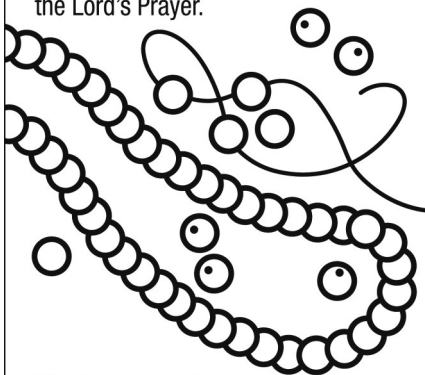
**Studies will start again
in September**

Enjoy your summer!



Prayer bracelet

Make this craft to help you remember the Lord's Prayer.



What you need:

- Elastic string (12 inches)
- Colored beads (see below)
- Clear nail polish

What you do:

1. Knot the string at one end. Add beads in this order: blue, white, gold, green, yellow, red, black, orange
2. Tie the ends so the bracelet fits your wrist. Place a dot of nail polish to secure the knot. Trim excess string.
3. As you pray, use the bead colors as reminders of Jesus' words (see Matthew 6:9-13):

- **blue** = the Father
- **white** = God's holiness
- **gold** = God's kingdom
- **green** = the earth
- **yellow** = wheat (bread)
- **red** = Christ's blood (forgiveness)
- **black** = temptation
- **orange** = God's power to deliver

PUZZLE



Teach us to pray

In Luke 11:1-13 (NIV), Jesus teaches about prayer.

Directions: Add or subtract the letters indicated and unscramble the letters to form a new word, using hints from the passage. Then unscramble the circled letters to answer the question below.

party - t = p r a y (v. 1)

lady + i = _ _ _ _ (v. 3)

drab + e = _ _ _ _ (v. 5)

rod + o = _ _ _ _ (v. 7)

bask - b = _ _ _ _ (v. 9)

keeps - p = _ _ _ _ (v. 9)

define - ee = _ _ _ _ (v. 9)

shift - t = _ _ _ _ (v. 11)

sneaky - y = _ _ _ _ (v. 11)

sift + g = _ _ _ _ (v. 13)



What will the Father give to those who ask of him?

_ _ _ _ _ (v. 13)

Answer: pray, daily, bread, ask, seek, find, fish, snake, gifts, Holy Spirit



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00a Early Social Hour (WR) 10:00a Worship/Communion Service 10:00a Sunday School	2 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting	3 Rummage Sale Set-Up	4 Rummage Sale Set-Up	5 Rummage Sale Set-Up 10:00a Textile Social (SH)	6 Rummage Sale Set-Up Office Close 9:00a Men's Study Grp	7 PW Rummage Sale 9:00a-1p Rummage Sale 7:00p AA
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Monday through Friday

(closed 11:30-12)

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

Denise Goldade, Financial/Administrative Assistant

Jeremy Witte, Sexton

**Deadline for September issue:
August 15th**



August

