



The Soo Chimes

First United Presbyterian Church

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Pastor's Message

Our home T.V. package comes with some channels I really enjoy. Some of these channels Melissa also really enjoys, others not so much. No, it is not the sports channels she doesn't like; Melissa is very indulgent when I want to watch one of the sports channels. I really enjoy watching the science channel when they have specials about our universe. When I do, if Melissa is around, she usually retires to the bedroom to read a book.

One of the current exciting areas of astronomy is science's ability to identify not only stars but planets. It is a very complicated process, since they cannot "see" planets in the same way they can "see" stars. There have been a good number of planets that have been found. When you listen to the astronomers who are devoting their lives to this pursuit, it is clear some are doing it just for the joy of discovery. Others appear to have an agenda, as they constantly say things like, "our earth isn't special". These scientists want to find another earth to prove that we are not a "special" case in the universe.

So far, nothing has been discovered that is even close to the earth in its capacity to sustain abundant life. Will we find other earths? Will we find planets with life, even intelligent life? I don't know and will happily leave that question in the hands of a Creator who has the right to create whatever kinds of life suits God's purposes in our universe. One thing I do know,

"(Gen 1:31 NIV) God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning--the sixth day."

God has made us a wonderful world, full of beauty. In our little corner of the world, one notices people; running, walking, biking, boating, etc. People taking advantage of this beautiful planet God has made. What an awesome God we have. What a wonderful gift to enjoy.

Peace in Christ,
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.*



Annette Mailles, 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.**

Rides Available

Transportation Deacons

- † Cathy Akre
- † Cheryl Thoreson
- † Jeanne Shibley

Need a Ride?

**If you need a ride to church,
 please contact the office**

Devotions

Doris Boogerd



*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
 John and Barb Kenn
 Peg Zenda
 Mary Lee Schmidt
 Flora Fortin

Medi-Lodge
 1011 Meridian
 Jane Kellan



The Textile Ladies made,
 and donated 45 tote bags
 as well as some other
 items to the
 Chippewa County
 Foster Program!
 Thank You Ladies!





Deanna Musgrave	08/01	Roberta Lackey	08/17
Brenda Corbiere	08/02	Robert Leon	08/17
Joel Schmidt	08/06	Gary Lehman	08/18
Kevin Tastor	08/07	Steven Lawson	08/19
Terri Marsh	08/09	Kadence Gorsuch	08/21
Sue Michels	08/09	Alegra Soorus	08/25
Audrey Zane	08/13	Corrie Rath	08/26
Ryan Sanderson	08/14	Donald Gerrie	08/27
Ronald Blair	08/16	Robert Stratton	08/28

Happy Belated Birthday to Coby Piche! (July 1st)



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 the office no later than the deadline each month. Emailed items are best.



Gary & Angela Gorsuch	08/03	Janet & Chad Cardinal	08/10
Ronald & Bonita Lawson	08/06	Sara & Shane Hill	08/12
Ross & Roberta Shubert	08/06	Earl & Phyllis Mckechnie	08/14
Julie & James Martin	08/08	Gary & Joan Hill	08/20
Glenn & Carolyn Trumble	08/09	Richard & Carol Brawley	08/31

PEW MAINTENANCE



Jeanne Shibley



**PW will not be meeting in August.
Our next PW meeting will be
September 19th, at Noon**

Food Pantry

Distribution

8/08— Pat & Patty

8/22— Cathy & Jeanne

& Patty

Shopping & Bagging

Doris Boogerd





How is the First United Presbyterian Church of Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan Organized?

Greetings. Last month I shared with you of the Committees that help keep our congregation functioning. This month, it is my plan to provide you a current list of names of members on these Committees. Of course things change frequently but here is the list provided last month with names included. (E=Elder, D=Deacon, T=Trustee, M=Member at Large)

AUDIT - Alicia Cottle (T), Laura Moening (T), Jennifer Reattoir (T)

BUDGET/FINANCE - Fred Michels (E), Gordon Rohweder (E), Jennifer Reattoir (T), Rich Brawley (M), Lois Kenney (M),

BUILDINGS and GROUNDS - Alicia Cottle (T), Mindy Fox (T), Mike Lussier (T), Tom Corbin (E)

BUILDING USE - Margaret Money (T)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - Steve Carlson (E), Jessica Kuenzer (E), Lee Mason (E), Gordon Rohweder (E)

COUNTER and ALTERNATE COUNTER - Tina Kay (T), Leanne Deuman (M)

EVANGELISM and COMMUNITY OUTREACH - Steve Carlson (E), Terry Lamb (E), Lee Mason (E), Alegra Soorus (E), Julie Walsh (E),

INSURANCE - Mike Lussier (T), Leanne Deuman (M)

MEMBERSHIP - Jess Kuenzer (E), Gordon Rohweder (E)

MEMORIAL - Fred Michels (E), Alegra Soorus (E), Tina Kay (T), Laura Moening (T), Pat Newhouse (D), Sara Jones (M)

NEWSLETTER - Tom Corbin (E), Laura Moening (T)

NOMINATING - Fred Michels (E), Gordon Rohweder (E), Jennifer Reattoir (T), Jeanne Shibley (D), Brenda Ransom (M)

PERSONNEL - Gordon Rohweder (E), Tina Kay (T), Laura Moening (T)

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT - Alicia Cottle (T), Mindy Fox (T)

STEWARDSHIP and MISSION - Tom Corbin (E), Fred Michels (E), Gordon Rohweder (E), Audrey Zane (E)

WORSHIP - Tom Corbin (E), Fred Michels (E), Julie Walsh (E), Audrey Zane (E)

That sums up the "How is the First United Presbyterian Church of Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan Organized?" series of articles. Next month, I will try to write about something completely different.

Thank you.
Tom Corbin

(Church Organization - Part IV)



Read the Bible
in a year

AUGUST 2023

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



August 20th @ 11:15a



August 21st @ 5:30p



August 22nd @
5:30p



Mens Bible Study
9:00 AM every Friday!

Rummage Sale



Saturday August 5

9:00 a.m.-1:00p.m.



Clean out your attics, basements, garages, and cupboards of your overflow and unused items. Please keep the rummage sale in mind as you downsize this summer, as this is one of our best fundraising events for our yearly mission projects. We can not accept T.V's with tubes, old computers, mattresses, or box springs.

Drop off: Monday July 31— Thursday August 3

9:00 a.m. until noon

Evening drop off: Wednesday August 2nd

6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.



Volunteers needed!

We need lots of help setting up the week prior and during the day of the sale

Unpack, & set up, price, work the sale, clean & pack up. Also pick-up truck's & drivers needed to take things away after the sale.

Please contact
Doris Boogerd or Anita
Weinrick to signup.

Doris (616)901-4299

Anita (906)440-8849



Remembering St. Bartholomew

On August 24, the church commemorates St. Bartholomew, who is listed among the disciples. Because he is never named in the book of John — while a follower named Nathanael is mentioned only there — many scholars believe Bartholomew and Nathanael were the same man. Further, Bartholomew's name is next to Philip's in Matthew, Luke and Mark, while in John, Philip introduces Nathanael to Jesus, who says, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" (John 1:47, NRSV).

Besides the Bible, Eusebius, the father of church history, is first to mention Bartholomew. Eusebius reports that Bartholomew gave a Hebrew translation of Matthew's gospel to Christian converts in India. Bartholomew also preached in Mesopotamia, Persia, Egypt and Armenia, where he was killed about 71 A.D. Tradition holds that Bartholomew was either beheaded or flayed alive and then crucified upside-down.

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... he will
**SPEAK
PEACE**
to his people,
to his faithful,
to those who
turn to him
in their
HEARTS.



Psalms 85:8, NRSV

WHO ARE THE TRUSTEES AND WHAT DO THEY DO?

The Trustees are tasked with responsibility for the Church's property which includes real estate and improvements, financial accounts and reports. These tasks include counting and depositing monies received; financial reporting on a monthly basis, allocating monies to accounts as appropriate; and holding an annual corporate meeting. The maintenance of real estate which includes the church itself, rentals, and the cottage on Sugar Island, present many responsibilities including but not limited to:

- + Grounds maintenance
- + Snow removal
- + Cleaning the church building
- + Repairs to all properties
- + Purchasing equipment and other items necessary for the church to continue operations
- + Obtaining insurance including handling any claims as may arise.

Unlike the Session, the Trustees meet every month. They sponsor congregational lunches, and cookies after services on occasion throughout the year. It is apparent that the Trustees have a big job and fortunately, throughout the years, the Trustees have proven themselves to be exceptional stewards in the name of our Lord.

(Second in a series by Leanne Deuman)



Some take pride
in chariots, and
some in horses,
but our pride is in
the name of the
LORD our God.

Psalm 20:7, NRSV



WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

Sanctuary

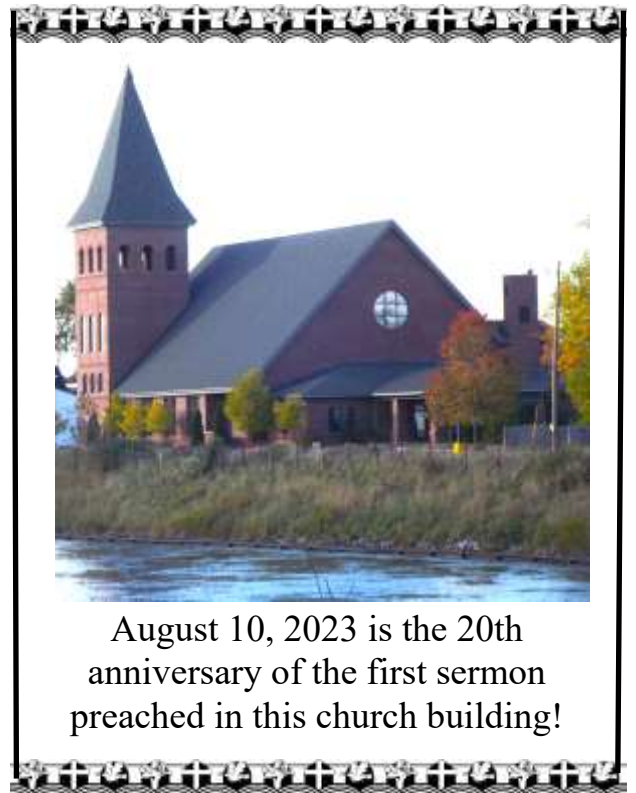
In churches with a lecture-hall floor plan, the term 'sanctuary' is often used to mean both chancel and nave because the two are not architecturally distinct. In historic usage, chancel; and sanctuary are synonyms.

Tea & Bazaar

Our Annual Tea and Bazaar
is scheduled for
November 4, 2023

Our theme is
"The Light of the World is Jesus"

Decorating ideas are needed and
welcomed. We are looking for all
different kinds of lights so keep
your eyes open to anything you
think would work with our theme.



Thank you to my awesome choir and to my church family
for the surprise birthday party. Also for all the beautiful
flowers, lovely cards, gifts, for the gorgeous cake and the
musical bag that the quilting gals made for me. Made my
birthday a very special one! Thank you so much!

- Kay Boyne



Puzzle!

Fill in the blanks with the correct words. Then transfer the letters to the numbered boxes below to complete Psalm 107:1, NIV.

Shape that symbolizes love

31 15 7 18 5

Part of a stove used for baking

12 3 24 39

Color made by red and yellow

28 42 7 8 27 37

A present

1 32 20 11

Clothing a girl wears

19 22 43 44 33

Something you open to go into a room

40 29 17 47

Opposite of soft (sound)

34 17 41 30

To take a long walk

14 2 9 38

A high body temperature

45 50 49 48 42

Items used to build or fix things

13 35 21 16 26

Edge of the sea

10 23 46 51 4

Home for a bee

6 25 36 4

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8
9	10		11	12		13	14	15
	16	17	18	19		20	21	22
	23	24		25	26		27	28
29	30		31	32	33		34	35
36	37		38	39	40	41	42	43
44		45	46	47	48	49	50	51

Answer: heart, oven, orange, gift, dress, door, loud, hike, fever, tools, shore, hive; Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 107:1, NIV

DAYS OF CREATION

Play this game to remember when God made each of his masterpieces.



What you need:

- Paper
- Rulers
- Pencils
- Markers or crayons
- Dice
- Bibles (open to Genesis 1:1-2:3 for reference)

What you do:

1. To make game boards, draw a grid with four rows and seven columns, totaling 28 squares.
2. Across the top row, write DAY 1 in the first square and continue through DAY 7.
3. Take turns rolling one die, or all players can roll at once. For the number rolled, draw something God created on that day (in the correct column).
4. When you fill an entire row, draw a smiley face in the DAY 7 square. The first player with two smileys wins.

August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 9:30am Textile	4 9:00am Mens Bible Study	5 7:00pm AA
6 9:00am Early Social Hour 10:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School	7 7:00pm Boy Scouts	8 3:30pm Food pantry	9	10	11 9:00am Mens Bible Study	12 7:00pm AA
13 9:00am Early Social Hour 10:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School	14 7:00pm Boy Scouts	15 5:30pm Trustee Meeting	16	17 9:30am Textile	18 9:00am Mens Bible Study	19 7:00pm AA
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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**

Sault Ste. Marie Riverfest

Sault Ste. Marie Riverfest 2023 is a day-long event celebrating the city's amazing playground for paddling and outdoor recreation. The event will be held on Saturday, August 19, 2023, at Rotary Island Park in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

The event will feature a variety of activities, including:

- **4-mile paddle race:** This race is open to all skill levels, and there are prizes for the winners.
- **Scavenger hunt:** This is a great way to explore the islands in the St. Marys River.
- **Kids' zone:** This area has activities for kids of all ages.
- **Live music:** Local bands will be performing throughout the day.
- **Food and drinks:** There will be food and drinks available for purchase.

Riverfest Sault Ste. Marie 2023 is a free event, and all are welcome. So come on down to Rotary Island on August 19, 2023, and celebrate Riverfest Sault Ste. Marie!

Here are some additional details about the activities:

- The paddle race will start at 9:00 AM and the finish line will be at Rotary Island Park.
- The scavenger hunt will start at 10:00 AM and will last for two hours.
- The kids' zone will be open from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
- The live music will start at 12:00 PM and will go until 5:00 PM.

I hope you can make it to Riverfest Sault Ste. Marie 2023! It is sure to be a fun and memorable day.