



The Soo Chimes

First United Presbyterian Church



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The Meaning of Christmas

Like most families we celebrated Christmas with our four children who were born beginning in 1957 through 1964. We had a son and three daughters.

We purchased gifts all year long and waited for them to be asleep on Christmas eve and we would then place the gifts under the tree so when they awakened in the morning, they began opening the presents with mom and dad. It was such a joy. We told them that Santa brought the toys during the night just for them. I can't remember when they became aware that Santa was not involved.

We always had a dog and the kids and dog enjoyed the day with turkey and dressing, cranberries, apple cider, and all that went with the meal which was also enjoyed for several days thereafter. This is what we thought Christmas was all about.

In actuality Christmas can arrive when we least expect it.

Peter Marshall, a Scottish

Presbyterian minister came to this country and was invited into the home of a congregation member on Christmas Eve. The family sang Christmas carols, had the fireplace crackling, and they enjoyed one another's company immensely. As he drove home later that evening he recalled the events that were so meaningful that very evening and he never forgot them.

This is what Christmas is all about. Put up your decorations and lights and the manger scene, and surround yourself by keeping Christmas in your life and heart forever.

Don Myers, CRE



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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

Receive your newsletter by email and in color, too. Call the office to find out how!



Prayer Requests

Family of Larry Eagle, Owen Nicholls, Jon Burgess, Gina Gough, Alex McCreedy, Andrea Klier, Lois Hillock, Pat Whyte, Jim Schmidt, Jane Kellan, Joyce Cross, William Kellan, Lillian Donelson, Tom and Ellen Woodgate, Christine Mickelson, Tara Jean Brody, Geraldine Carnahan, Wendy (Menard) James, Margaret Vonderwerth & her family, and all members of missionaries and the U.S. Armed Forces.

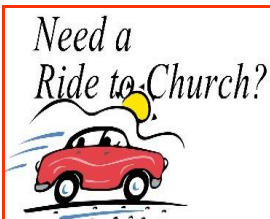
Please keep us up to date on your prayer requests.



In memory of ...

Larry Eagle
(Brenda Ransom's Father)

11/02/17



Need a Ride to Church?

Barb Kenn



SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 17TH
2:00 PM
BARB KENN



Deacons
December 10th



Food Pantry

Doris Boogerd
&
Jeanne Shibley

Distribution

12/12/17 Wanda & Suzanne
12/26/17



McKinley Manor
2023 West 4th Avenue

Jane Kellan
Vera Steffens

Tendercare- Sault Ste Marie
1011 Meridian

Jim Schmidt
Jean Smith

WMH Long Term Care
500 Osborn Boulevard

Robert Ferguson
Lois Myers
Edna Roe

Freighter View Assisted Living 605 West Portage Avenue

Virginia Blair
Audrey Bush
Emily Hamilton
Delores Swick

Out of Town

Della Porter
2920 Crystal Lane Room 426
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

June MacInnis
2000 E Mitchell Road Apt 3
Petoskey, MI 49770

Dorothy Smart
1696 S. Kathleen Drive
Lake City, MI 49651-8681



Deacon's
Corner

The next Deacon's
Meeting will be held on
December 3rd.

Deacon



Barb
Kenn

If you or someone you
know are in the hospital
and would like a visit
from the Deacon's
please contact the
church office or one of
the Deacons

JESUS
CHRIST
Is Born



SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

December 10, 2017 at 10:00 am

Our Program this year is called

“A Traditional Christmas Pageant”

You are cordially invited to come to the Sunday School Christmas program, December 10, 2017.

Stay after church for a grand party celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ!

Guests are invited to enjoy cake, coffee, tea and cold beverages in Fellowship Hall.

Mark your calendars today!!



Schedule

December 3

During Sunday School

December 9

SATURDAY—9:00 am



Other Important News

December 17: No Sunday School

All students encouraged to attend church and enjoy the Christmas Cantata presented by the Chancel Choir

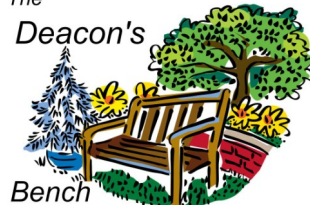
December 24: No Sunday School

December 31 & January 7: Christmas Lessons 3 & 4

January 7, 2018: Regular Sunday School Resumes

Contact Melissa Gabbard at melgabbard@charter.net, 712-330-3429 or 906-259-1331 with any questions concerning the Christmas Pageant or the upcoming Sunday School schedule.

The
Deacon's



Bench

The holiday season is upon us, and as always, it's a busy one, too. The mitten tree is up in the Narthex, ready for your gifts of warmth for our local school children: hats, gloves, and scarves. They will be distributed following Christmas.

We are shifting gears and moving a few things around. The Cookie Walk will be on Sunday, December 10th in the Narthex. Cookies will be \$2.50 for 6, and \$5.00 for a baker's dozen. Proceeds will help the Deacons fund missions of caring and food.

The Food Pantry continues to serve the hungry in our community. Your funds allow us to purchase meat and bulk groceries from Feeding America in addition to the funds for general food items from Meijer. We have distributed more than 50 bags of groceries since October.

Enjoy the holiday season, giving thanks for all we have and remembering to share the peace, love, joy and hope of Jesus' coming.

Yours in Christ,
Jeanne



Susan and Robert Hovie	12/10
Bill and Sandra Robbins	12/27
Dennis and Tammy Rutledge	12/30



A Special Birthday
100 Years

Jean Smith



Birthdays

Jane Carr
Elva Hutzler
William Boyne

Sunday
December 3rd



ANNUAL REPORT

ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS'

It's Annual Report time again. Your reports are important.

Deadline for submission of your FUPC Annual Reports is January 8, 2018. Submit to the church office or email (office@soopresbyterian.org) your reports to the attention of Audrey Zane.

Reminder - FUPC Annual Congregational Meeting will be January 28, 2018



Christmas and New Years
Monday, December 25th
& Monday, December 31st



Jessica Kuenzer	12/01
Gordon Rohweder	12/01
Leitha Vollick	12/01
Mark Gabbard	12/02
Connie Lawrence	12/02
Wayne Morden	12/06
Sydney Kuenzer	12/09
Audrey Bush	12/11
Anita Weinrick	12/11
Christina Bernier	12/13

Sawyer Kuenzer	12/13
Brenda Ransom	12/13
Tyler Dunbar	12/18
Charmaine Styer	12/18
Sara Hill	12/25
Elva Hutzler	12/26
Emma Lussier	12/27
William Boyne	12/28
Heidi Hanna (Michels)	12/28
Kyle Huskey	12/28
Mark Michels	12/28
Jean Smith	12/29
Jo Anne Lussier	12/30
Robert Nicholls	12/31



Thanks to everyone who donated to the Samaritan's Purse "Operation Child". A total of 43 boxes were donated to spread smiles to children in countries worldwide. The filled boxes of gifts will be distributed to children along with the message of Jesus Christ and his love for each and everyone of these children.

Thank you!



First Presbyterian Church of Iron County is leading up the CWS “Emergency Clean Up Buckets” Project.

CWS Kits are small packages of supplies assembled by volunteers and shipped to families and communities in need around the world.

If you or your church would like to help support this great cause and walk alongside FPC Iron River as they lead this endeavor, please see the link below

for bucket information:

<http://cwskits.org/assemble-kits/emergency-cleanup-buckets/>

If you would like more information regarding this project, please contact Dawn Robbins at (906) 367-0489

***Finished buckets can be brought to our February presbytery meeting for pick up by members of the Iron River church OR can be dropped off at the presbytery office any time before February 1st.*



The New Offering Envelopes are here!

Envelopes are available in the Narthex .

If you or you know a youth or an adult who would like to have offering envelopes please contact the office at 632-7771 or email us at office@soopresbyterian.org.

We would gladly provide you with envelopes for your convenience.





Everyone is invited for a delicious turkey dinner with all the fixings on Sunday, December 17th after the Cantata and Worship Service

This is annual event is sponsored by the FUPC Endowment Committee.

Come join us in the Social Hall for a good meal and fellowship!



SUNDAY

DECEMBER 17TH

This year's Cantata will be "Glory to the Newborn King" by John Innes

No
Sunday morning
(10 A.M.) Service
December 24th



No Choir Practice
Wednesday
December 27th



**Communion
Candlelight Service**

Please join us for our Christmas Eve service on Sunday, December 24th at 7:00 pm

This will be our candlelight communion service. All are welcome to join us!

Three Lakes Lay Academy
Winter 2018 Class Offerings

Schedule: Thursdays from January 11, 2018 – March 15, 2018 from 4:00 pm 8:00 pm

Special: We will plan to have a graduation time on March 15, the last regular day of classes, for Bruce Anderson, Linda Carrick, and Rosemary McPherson. All three have completed the three years of required classes.

All classes held at:

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
950 Huron St, St. Ignace, MI 49781 (906-643-7870)

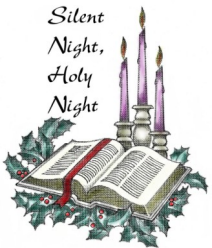
Each class is \$10 for the semester. Students may be required to purchase books. Scholarships are available. Classes are team taught by Presbyterian and Lutheran teachers.

Please pre-register with David Van Dam, 231-838-9128, davidvandam68@gmail.com or with David Tielbar, 906-643-7870, david.tielbar6@gmail.com to make sure you can get books by the first class! For information also contact either one of the David's



Youth Group is off to a great start, we have had 4 meetings with 5-10 students each time. We are so pleased with the way God is calling our Youth to our meetings and hope to see more as we continue on this year. We are doing a study on Woodlawn High School a real school in 1973 that used God to help them face the new diversity their school was pushed into. It is focused on their football team, which relates to a lot of our students who attend. Being on a club or team is a perfect opportunity to showcase your strength in God even just by being kind and respectful to your own team or members and the other teams. If you want to watch the film it is on Rightnow media that our church is now connected too. See and follow along with what our group is up too. Our next meetings for the year are Dec 10 we will be caroling at Hearthside starting at 4 pm. Student should meet at the church at 3:30 pm and we will all ride together. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Mark and Melissa, Chad and Denise



Our Christmas Offering will be collected during the 7 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



Poinsettia Order Form

The Christmas season is here again, time to decorate the Sanctuary with the Poinsettia Tree. You may honor a loved one with one of these beautiful plants, at a cost of \$8.00 each. Please fill out the form below and return it to the church office with your payment by December 14th.

During the Christmas Eve Service, a booklet will be available, with all donors and their messages. Please list the message exactly as you want it printed. If you would like to take your plants home, you may do so after the Christmas Eve Service. Please contact the church office, if you have questions or to drop off the form.

Your name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Plant #1 Message:

Plant #2 Message:



PW NOTES



Quilt Winner

Congratulations to Owen Smith
Owen is the Great Grandson of Bev Ward
and is this year's winner of the Quilt Raffle.

Thanks to all who bought and sold tickets.
A total of 200 Quilt Tickets were sold.
Many thanks to Carolyn Shaw making and quilting this
beautiful quilt.



Hour

WOMEN'S COFFEE

Tuesday, December 19th
at 9:30 AM

Please join us for fellow-
ship and treats.

All Ladies welcome!



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Many thanks and much appreciation to our church
family to make the tea and bazaar a success. We
are still calculating the financial report, and we
will be around \$4000.00.

Plans began in the spring. In the fall posters were
made and delivered, food was purchased for the tea
lunch. During the week of the bazaar decorating
began, table cloths ironed, dining room set up,
trees were decorated, sandwiches were prepared
and church families started bring in items to fill the
booths. Many people worked during the day serv-
ing, greeting guests, selling tickets, selling in the
booths, washing dishes and with help from the
scouts to clean up.

From the Presbyterian Women's Group



The Deacon's Mitten Tree is up and
ready to collect hand-made or
purchased mittens, hats, scarves, and
gloves. All of the donated items will be
distributed to local schools after Christmas.

Great Stocking Stuffers!

The Ultimate Cloth \$6.00 each/5 for \$25.00

Sunflower Dish Cloths \$1.00 each

Available in the Church Office



Circle 3 Christmas Party

Thursday,
December 14th

At the home of Carol Rohweder
On Sugar Island

Everyone is to meet at 9:30 AM in the Clyde's parking
lot to car pool on the 9:45 AM ferry to the island.

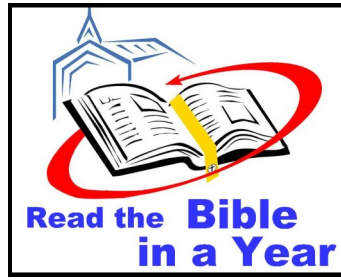
Bring a dish to pass and a \$10 gift to exchange.

5374 S. Oak Pointe Lane

Call Carol at 632-3713 if you have any questions

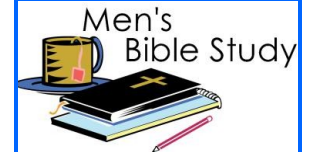


December



Gordon Rohweder
Wanda Eby
Suzanne Stevenson

1	Galatians 5:1-15	Lamentations 5	Psalms 147
2	Galatians 5:16-26	Ezekiel 1	Psalms 148
3	Galatians 6	Ezekiel 2-3	Psalms 149
4	Ephesians 1	Ezekiel 4-5	Psalms 150
5	Ephesians 2	Ezekiel 6-7	Isaiah 40
6	Ephesians 3	Ezekiel 8-9	Isaiah 41
7	Ephesians 4:1-16	Ezekiel 10-11	Isaiah 42
8	Ephesians 4:17-32	Ezekiel 12-13	Isaiah 43
9	Ephesians 5:1-20	Ezekiel 14-15	Isaiah 44
10	Ephesians 5:21-33	Ezekiel 16	Isaiah 45
11	Ephesians 6	Ezekiel 17	Isaiah 46
12	Philippians 1:1-11	Ezekiel 18	Isaiah 47
13	Philippians 1:12-30	Ezekiel 19	Isaiah 48
14	Philippians 2:1-11	Ezekiel 20	Isaiah 49
15	Philippians 2:12-30	Ezekiel 21-22	Isaiah 50
16	Philippians 3	Ezekiel 23	Isaiah 51
17	Philippians 4	Ezekiel 24	Isaiah 52
18	Colossians 1:1-23	Ezekiel 25-26	Isaiah 53
19	Colossians 1:24-2:19	Ezekiel 27-28	Isaiah 54
20	Colossians 2:20-3:17	Ezekiel 29-30	Isaiah 55
21	Colossians 3:18-4:18	Ezekiel 31-32	Isaiah 56
22	Luke 1:1-25	Ezekiel 33	Isaiah 57
23	Luke 1:26-56	Ezekiel 34	Isaiah 58
24	Luke 1:57-80	Ezekiel 35-36	Isaiah 59
25	Luke 2:1-20	Ezekiel 37	Isaiah 60
26	Luke 2:21-52	Ezekiel 38-39	Isaiah 61
27	Luke 3:1-20	Ezekiel 40-41	Isaiah 62
28	Luke 3:21-38	Ezekiel 42-43	Isaiah 63
29	Luke 4:1-30	Ezekiel 44-45	Isaiah 64
30	Luke 4:31-44	Ezekiel 46-47	Isaiah 65
31	Luke 5:1-26	Ezekiel 48	Isaiah 66



Men's Bible Study every
Friday morning at 9:00 am.
All men are welcome
to join us!

SAHS
Christmas Thursday
December 7th
Concert 7 pm



Woman's Bible Study
Wednesday Mornings,
at 9:30 AM.

Come join us!



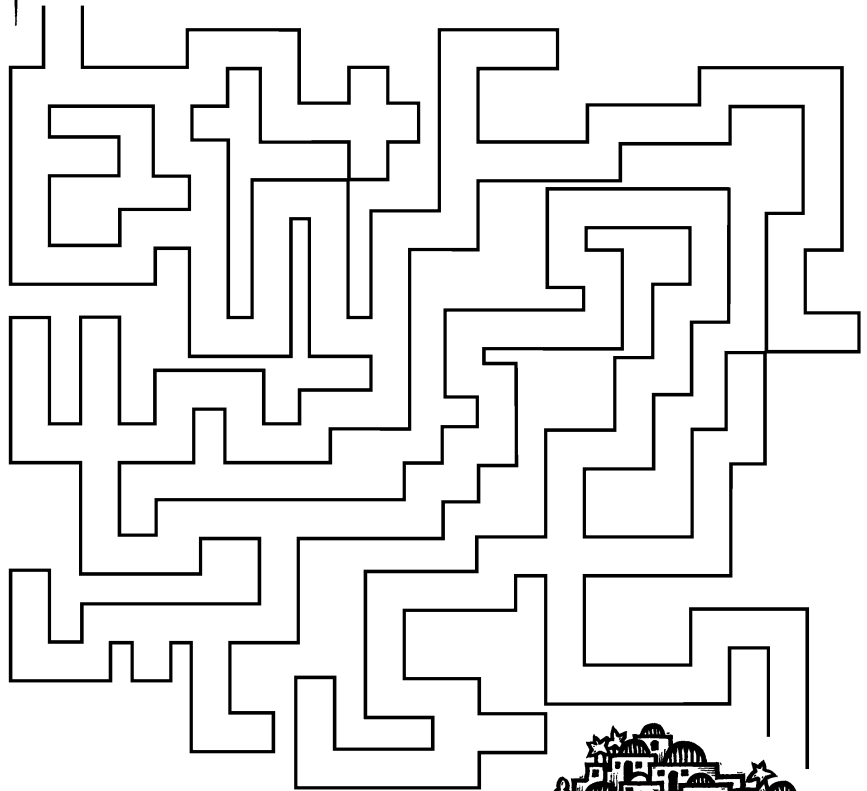
JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

In the Christmas story in Luke 2, an angel tells some shepherds to go see baby Jesus in Bethlehem.



START

Directions: Follow the maze to arrive in Bethlehem.



BETHLEHEM

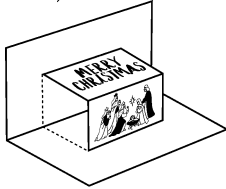


POP-UP CARD

Share the good news of Jesus' birth with this creative Christmas card.

What you need:

- Construction paper (two pieces, including one white)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Pens
- Glue stick



What you do:

1. Neatly fold the white paper in half, short side to short side.
2. Draw two parallel lines (at least 2 inches apart) from the fold to about halfway to the edge. Cut along the lines.
3. Fold the cut section back and forth so it pops up.
4. Push the section up so it pops up inside the folded paper. Draw a nativity scene on the pop-up box.
5. Fold the colored paper in half, short side to short side. Place the white paper inside it and glue the white paper down, being careful not to glue the pop-up box.
6. Write a Christmas message and give or send the card to someone.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 3 1st Sunday of Advent 9:00a Early Social Hour (WR) 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 11:15a Deacon's Meeting (Lib) 12:00p Soup Kitchen	4 7:00p ACT Study Grp 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting	5 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib)	6 9:00a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 8:00p Cantata Rehearsal	 7 10:00a Textile Social 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib) 7:00p SAHS Concert 	1 9:00a Men's Study Grp	2 9:00a N.A. 7:00p A.A.
10 2nd Sunday of Advent Christmas Program 9:00a Early Social Hour (WR) 10:00a Worship Service 11:30a Christian Ed Meeting 11:30a Coffee & Cookies (SH) 12:00p Soup Kitchen 6:30p H.S Youth Group	11 7:00p ACT Study Grp 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting	12 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib) 4:00p Food Pantry	13 9:00a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 8:00p Cantata Rehearsal	14 9:30a Circle 3 Meeting 10:00a Textile Social 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib)	15 9:00a Men's Study Grp	16 9:00a N.A. 7:00p A.A.
17 3rd Sunday of Advent Cantata/Endowment Dinner 9:00a Early Social Hour (WR) 10:00a Worship Service 11:30a Endowment Dinner (SH) 12:00p Soup Kitchen 2:00p Freighter View Service	18 5:30p Session Mtg (WR) 5:30p Trustee's Mtg (Lib) 7:00p ACT Study Grp 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting	19 9:30a Ladies Coffee (SH) 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib)	20 9:00a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	21 10:00a Textile Social 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib) 	22 9:00a Men's Study Grp	23 9:00a N.A. 7:00p A.A.
24 4th Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve Service 12:00p Soup Kitchen 7:00p Christmas Eve Service Communion/Candlelight	25 Office Closed	26 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib) 4:00p Food Pantry	27 9:00a Women's Bible Study	28 10:00a Textile Social 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib) 6:00p Boy Scout Leader Mtg	29 9:00a Men's Study Grp	30 9:00a N.A. 7:00p A.A.
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Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Monday through Friday

(closed 11:30-12)

Sunday Worship Schedule

Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

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

Church Staff

Rev. Mark Gabbard, Minister

Don Myers, CRE

Brenda Ransom, CRE

Kay Boyne, Music Director

Denise Goldade, Financial/Administrative Assistant

Jesse Witte, Sexton

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**Deadline for January issue:
December 18th**



at First United Presbyterian Church



December 10th
Sunday School
Christmas Program
Christmas Joy Offering



December 17th
Cantata
Endowment Dinner



December 24th
7 pm Candlelight Service
Communion
Christmas Offering



December 25th

