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First United Presbyterian Church



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Pastor's Message

Well winter has finally hit us. The cold and to a lesser extent the snow has caught up to us. We are reminded in a brutal way when we are outside dealing with the snow that seasons do change. The newness of spring gives way to a growing summer whose advance is slowed in fall and then stopped in winter. And, yet, we are reminded that spring will come....eventually.

We human beings also celebrate newness. Almost every culture has a calendar that marks the passage of time until some predetermined point. Past this point, the calendar and cycle begins anew. The point at which the calendar or cycle begins again is usually an important time for a culture. In ancient times this point came with a lot of drama. There were cultures that performed elaborate religious rituals believing if they did not, the world might end or misfortune would follow them into the next cycle. In other cultures it was a great time of celebration, celebration of making it through the cycle and looking hopefully into the next.

We as a culture celebrate the New Year with certain forms of entertainment such as Bowl season, parties, foods, New Year's resolutions, etc. The main thrust of our culturally rituals surround the New Year

are to look forward in hope of what might be. We are not alone in this. In Revelation 21:1-6, "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'"

Our God is a God who is at work constantly to try to make things new. God's desire for us in Christ Jesus is that we take hold of the "newness" God seeks to bring into our lives. God is at work in the Holy

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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!



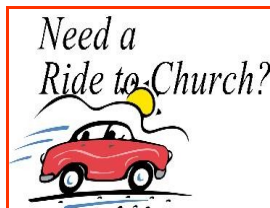
John Jobes, Owen Nicholls, Jon Burgess,
 Della Porter, Gina Gough, Alex McCready,
 Ted Howing, Andrea Klier, Lois Hillock, Pat Whyte,
 Jim Schmidt, Jane Kellan, Joyce Cross,
 William Kellan, Lillian Donelson, Tom and Ellen Woodgate,
 Christine Mickelson, Tara Jean Brody, Geraldine Carnahan, Wendy
 (Menard) 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.



**Our Sunday
 Worship Service
 starts at 10:00 a.m.
 We hope to see you
 on Sunday!**



Food Pantry
 Jeanne Shibley



Barb Kenn



"I suspected it was done that way."



McKinley Manor
2023 West 4th Avenue

Jane Kellan
 Vera Steffens

Tendercare— Sault Ste Marie
1011 Meridian

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 Jean Smith

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**SUNDAY,
 JANUARY 21ST
 2:00 PM
 GINGER STRATTON**

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

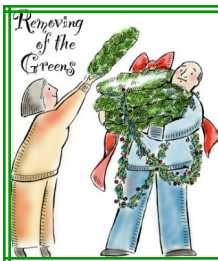
Spirit a gift given to us by Jesus to make a very special kind of newness in our lives. Our Lord seeks to bring the newness of love, mercy, compassion, forgiveness, discipline and righteousness into our lives. Jesus seeks for us and, as scripture says, prays for us to seek these things more eagerly, patiently and with all our soul. Do we seek such newness? It is God's will for us. Jesus himself bore our sins on the cross so we could have such newness. As we think about the new year and what we hope for, shall we not spare some time to pray that God's will for such newness will be a part of our 2018.

Peace in Christ,
Mark



Deacon's
Corner

The next Deacon's
Meeting will be held on
January 21st.



Unfortunately, the Christmas season is drawing to a close and that means the sanctuary decorations will need to come down soon and we will be removing them after the January 7th service. If you can help with this, please plan to stay after service. Thanks.



Valentine Luncheon
Friday, February 8, 2018
More Information to Follow



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.*



Thomas and Cheryl Thoresen 01/07
Charles and Audrey Zane 01/13



ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS'

Please mark your calendars for January 28, 2018 for our annual church meeting immediately following the worship service. This is a very important time in our church and ALL members are encouraged to attend this meeting. Reports will be available on January 21st. All committee members are asked to have their reports to Audrey no later than January 8th.

Submit to the church office or email (office@soopresbyterian.org) your reports to the attention of Audrey Zane.

?? ? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ?

At the start of a new year, we remember that God continually gives us new chances. What does Jesus say to a woman caught in adultery?

- A. "Go, and from now on sin no more."
- B. "Not even in Israel have I found such great faith."
- C. "Peace be with you."
- D. "Tell no one what I have done for you."

Answer: A (See John 8:11)



Youth Group will be on a break until Jan 14. We will continue meeting the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 6:30 pm unless stated. We want to wish everyone a blessed New Year.

Chad, Denise, Mark, and Melissa



Samantha Reid-Goldberg	01/01	Ronald Kerzner	01/14
Emma Newhouse	01/02	Danna Sanderson	01/14
Lee Myers	01/03	Carla Nicholls	01/16
Paul Sabourin	01/03	Sarah McLarahmore, IV	01/17
Julie Walsh	01/03	Cheryl Thoresen	01/17
Aubrey Agar	01/05	Carol Brawley	01/20
Barbara MacLaren	01/12	Jase Averill	01/21
		Jacklyn Johnson	01/21
		Benjamin Reattoir	01/21
		Treyce Sanderson	01/25
		Mary Lee Schmidt	01/27



Adult Choir
January 21st
Northland Barbershop
Chorus
(Tentative)



*Promises
for the
New Year*

How many of us begin our day thinking about our relationship with God? Some of us prefer to think about our relationships with our neighbors and church friends. I am sure that when our needs are the great-

est God is nearby. Once we realize God is not part time but a full time God, we will know that He will always be nearby and with us even until the end of time and eternity, because we go nowhere by accident.

We need to always be able to control our choices and by doing so we control our destiny. Everything we do as Christians is tied to a valuable lifestyle. Yes, we can promise to give up bad habits like smoking, drinking, and over eating. Some of these kind of habits are easily broken.

Probably the best description is on my college ring that says, "for wisdom faith and service for Christ and the state." This has been one of my mottos since graduating in 1956. A well known preacher prefers dreamers and individuals who believe in the bible and seek the very best in life.

The Apostle Paul's message to everyone of us is to build our lives with a purpose and we can make promises with faith, because without faith we are powerless.

A man's heart plans the way but the Lord directs His steps.

Don Myers, CRE

Happy New Year ♪ *Happy New Year* ♪ *Happy New Year*

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:

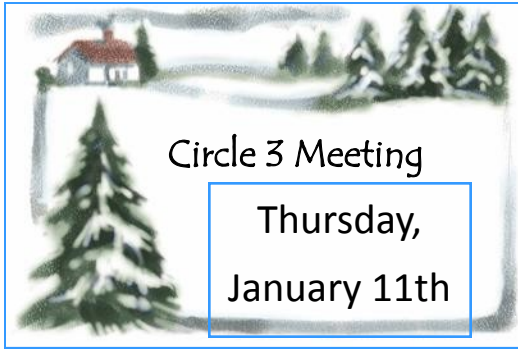
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
950 Huron St, St. Ignace, MI 49781 (906-643-7870)

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



PW NOTES



Circle 3 Meeting
Thursday,
January 11th



WOMEN'S COFFEE

Tuesday, January 16th
at 9:30 AM

Please join us for fellow-
ship and treats.

All Ladies Welcome!



TEXTILE SOCIAL UPDATE

The next Textile Social will be on
January 18, 2018 from 10 am to 2
pm. Bring your projects to work on and bring
a potluck contribution you've been wanting to
try. We will then enjoy our electric smorgas-
bord lunch together.

Puzzle!

The 12 Old Testament books known as the
Minor Prophets aren't unimportant — just short!
Unscramble the names of these books. Then unscramble
the circled letters to find a fruit of the Spirit.



Fruit: _____

LEJO _____

IHCAM _____

ABKUKKAH _____

DHAIABO _____

MUNAH _____

OAESH _____

AZAEHINPH _____

NJHAO _____

AGIAGH _____

OASM _____

AHRIZAHCE _____

IHCMALA _____

Answers: Joel, Micah, Habakkuk, Obadiah, Nahum,
Hosea, Zephaniah, Jonah, Haggai, Amos, Zechariah,
Malachi; Kindness



OUR GIVING	
Year-to 12/17/17 offerings	\$163,784
Year to 12/17/17 expenses	\$165,500



DEACONS SPONSOR MITTEN TREE

*The Deacons again sponsored the Mitten
Tree and collected 51 items. These colorful
hats, mittens, and gloves will be distributed
to local school children, to help keep them
warm during our chilly winter weather.*

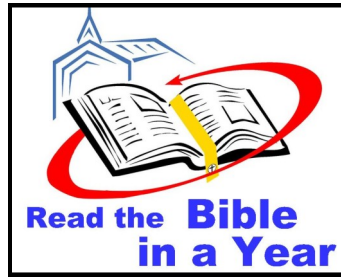
*Thanks to all who purchased or took the
time to knit these donations.*

Your help is greatly appreciated!



Thanks to everyone who brought
in copy copier and janitorial
supplies throughout the year. Your
generosity is greatly appreciated
and helps keep down our expenses.

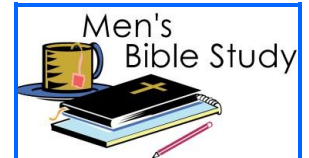
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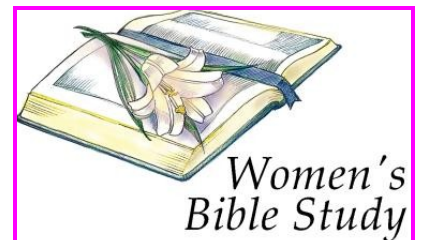
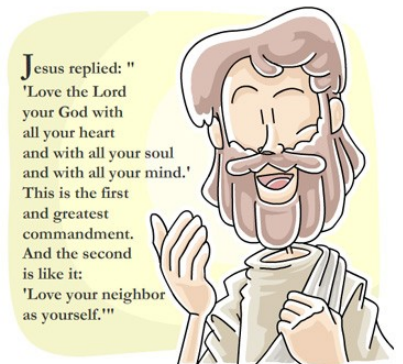
1	Luke 5:27-39	Genesis 1-2	Psalms 1
2	Luke 6:1-26	Genesis 3-5	Psalms 2
3	Luke 6:27-49	Genesis 6-7	Psalms 3
4	Luke 7:1-17	Genesis 8-10	Psalms 4
5	Luke 7:18-50	Genesis 11	Psalms 5
6	Luke 8:1-25	Genesis 12	Psalms 6
7	Luke 8:26-56	Genesis 13-14	Psalms 7
8	Luke 9:1-27	Genesis 15	Psalms 8
9	Luke 9:28-62	Genesis 16	Psalms 9
10	Luke 10:1-20	Genesis 17	Psalms 10
11	Luke 10:21-42	Genesis 18	Psalms 11
12	Luke 11:1-28	Genesis 19	Psalms 12
13	Luke 11:29-54	Genesis 20	Psalms 13
14	Luke 12:1-31	Genesis 21	Psalms 14
15	Luke 12:32-59	Genesis 22	Psalms 15
16	Luke 13:1-17	Genesis 23	Psalms 16
17	Luke 13:18-35	Genesis 24	Psalms 17
18	Luke 14:1-24	Genesis 25	Psalms 18
19	Luke 14:25-35	Genesis 26	Psalms 19
20	Luke 15	Genesis 27:1-45	Psalms 20
21	Luke 16	Genesis 27:46-28:22	Psalms 21
22	Luke 17	Genesis 29:1-30	Psalms 22
23	Luke 18:1-17	Genesis 29:31-30:43	Psalms 23
24	Luke 18:18-43	Genesis 31	Psalms 24
25	Luke 19:1-27	Genesis 32-33	Psalms 25
26	Luke 19:28-48	Genesis 34	Psalms 26
27	Luke 20:1-26	Genesis 35-36	Psalms 27
28	Luke 20:27-47	Genesis 37	Psalms 28
29	Luke 21	Genesis 38	Psalms 29
30	Luke 22:1-38	Genesis 39	Psalms 30
31	Luke 22:39-71	Genesis 40	Psalms 31



Bob Stratton
and
Ginger Stratton

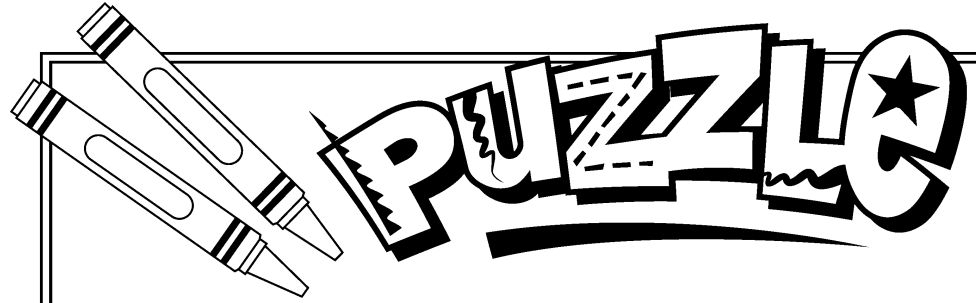


Men's Bible Study every
Friday morning at 9:00 am.
All men are welcome
to join us!



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

Come join us!



A NEW CREATION



The apostle Paul says everyone who believes in Jesus becomes brand new.



Directions: Cross out every third letter. Then write the remaining letters in the blanks to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.

T H I E R O E F Q O R X E I D F A M N Y A O N
 S E I L S I T N C V H R K I S D T T B H E W N E
 Q W C D R E Y A T M I O C N H F A S W C O R
 M E G T H W E O F L D X H A S S G Z O N L
 E T J H E W N E Q W I D S H R E R O E

----- ! 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, NIV

Answer: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV

NEW YEAR'S NOISE-MAKERS

Ring in the New Year with these fun noisemakers!





What you need:

- Wooden craft sticks
- Metallic paint (gold and silver)
- Paint brushes
- Jingle bells (gold and silver)
- Hot glue gun
- Metallic ribbon
- Scissors
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Paint half the sticks gold and half silver. Let dry.
2. Glue three bells to each stick.
3. Cut a six-inch piece of ribbon for each stick. Tie a bow and glue it to the noisemaker. Celebrate!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 9:00a Early Social Hour (WR) 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 11:00a Removing the Greens 12:00p Soup Kitchen	1 Office Closed 7:00p ACT Study Grp 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting 	2 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib)	3 9:00a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	4 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib)	5 9:00a Men's Study Grp	6 9:00a N.A. 7:00p A.A.
7 Baptism of the Lord 9:00a Early Social Hour (WR) 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 11:00a Removing the Greens 12:00p Soup Kitchen	8 7:00p ACT Study Grp 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting	9 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib) 4:00p Food Pantry	10 9:00a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	11 9:30a Circle 3 Meeting 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib)	12 9:00a Men's Study Grp	13 9:00a N.A. 7:00p A.A.
14 9:00a Early Social Hour (WR) 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 11:30a Christian Ed Meeting 12:00p Soup Kitchen 6:30p H.S Youth Group	15 5:30p Session Mtg (WR) 5:30p Trustee's Mtg (Lib) 7:00p ACT Study Grp 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting 	16 9:30a Ladies Coffee (SH) 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib)	17 9:00a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	18 10:00a Textile Social 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib)	19 9:00a Men's Study Grp	20 9:00a N.A. 7:00p A.A.
21 9:00a Early Social Hour (WR) 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 11:15a Deacon's Meeting (Lib) 11:30a Soup 'N Sandwich 12:00p Soup Kitchen 2:00p Freightier View Service	22 7:00p ACT Study Grp 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting	23 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib) 4:00p Food Pantry	24 9:00a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	25 10:00a Textile Social 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib)	26 9:00a Men's Study Grp	27 9:00a N.A. 7:00p A.A.
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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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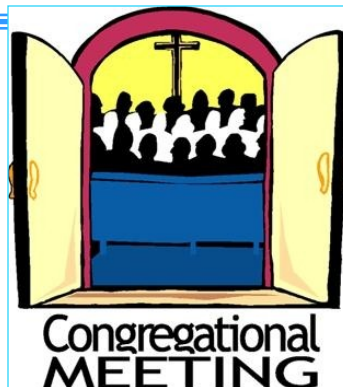
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Change Service Requested

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



Sunday, January 28, 2018 (after service)

**Find out what's happened during the past year
and what we expect in the coming year.**

**Annual Reports will be available for pick up and review
beginning on Sunday, January 21.**

**Committee reports are due in the church office by January 8th, for
inclusion in the Annual Report.**