



The Soo Chimes

First United Presbyterian Church



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Pastor's Message

Here we are, once again, on the doorstep of another year. Can you believe it? Time seems to pass so quickly. My sophomore year of high school I remember standing on the sidelines of a varsity game with a friend and teammate. We were the two sophomore linemen who suited up for varsity games. It was supposed to be an honor, but we did not feel very honored about getting beaten up in pregame drills by the varsity players and standing on the sidelines during the games. It was a particularly cold night, so much so, that our legs were a little numb running off the field at the end of the game. Referring to the varsity starters my friend said to me, "That will be us in two years".

Not only is it funny how quickly that day came, but now that day is nothing but dust and ashes as time in its inexorable march lays waste to all in its path. Nothing is left of that day but a funny memory of how life works and how time really does fly. In this world we are subject to time. The Bible reminds us of this in Isaiah 40:8, "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever."

While this sounds gloomy, it

presents us with an interesting possibility. Our being subject to time in this world also allows us the opportunity to change. To be more precise, change will come as time will make sure of that. We, however, are the ones who determine what kind of change occurs. We stand at the threshold of a new year. Change will surely come and we will be the authors of that change by what we have done and what we have left undone. There will be things out of our control and beyond our ability to influence, but much of our life will be within our ability to change.

There are a number of references in Scripture about how God wants to change things; one such is Revelation 21:5, "And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." These passages tell us God wants to make changes in our lives. The Spirit seeks good things for us. Will we seek to walk in the Spirit in the coming year? Change will come. Will we embrace God's change in our life?

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

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Newsletters are sent by email unless you have made other arrangements.





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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.

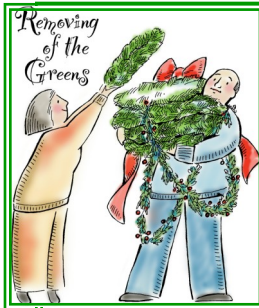


Closing at Noon
Monday, December 31st

Closed New Year's Day
January 1st.



The next Deacon's
Meeting will be held on
January 20th



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 6th service. If you can help with this, please plan to stay after service. Thanks.



Cheryl & Carol B.



McKinley Manor
2023 West 4th Avenue

Jane Kellan
Vera Steffens
Peg Zenda

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SUNDAY,
JANUARY 20TH
2:00 PM

Deacons



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 the Deacons



Coat Drive *Help someone in need*

DEACONS' WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

The Deacons will be collecting winter clothing throughout the month of January to distribute to those in need. If you have new or gently-used winter coats, hats, gloves/mittens, boots, or sweaters that you are willing to donate, please bring them to the church office. Clothing collected will be offered to those at-

DEACONS SPONSOR MITTEN TREE

The Deacons again sponsored the Mitten Tree and collected a number of 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!

Christmas Cantata & Endowment Dinner

Thanks to the Choir for a wonderful, song filled Christmas Cantata to proclaim the real reason behind this season. Not only did we have a beautiful Service, but then we partook of a delicious meal prepared by the Endowment Committee. Thanks to all who prepared this meal fit for kings & queens and thanks to all those who helped in decorating, serving, and cleaning to complete this wonderful morning.



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 7, 2019. Submit your reports to the church office, preferably by email (office@soopresbyterian.org) to the attention of Audrey Zane.

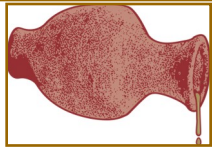
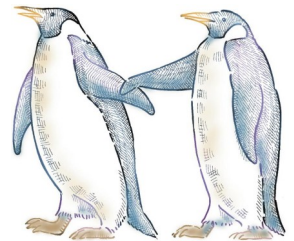


Thanks to everyone who brought in copy paper and janitorial supplies throughout the year. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and helps keep down our expenses.



Thomas and Cheryl Thoresen
Charles and Audrey Zane

01/07
01/13



HE EMPTIED HIMSELF Philippians 2:7

“Instead he emptied himself by assuming the form of a servant.” (CSB)

My dear friends,

I read our Pastor's Message for the December 2018 issue of "The Soo Chimes" several times. I was struck by the fact that our pastor wrote two times the phrase "he emptied himself" in his message. Our pastor did not pull this phrase out of thin air. He was quoting one of his favorite authors - Saint Paul in Philippians 2:7. The apostle Paul was explaining to the Philippian church the humility and exaltation of Jesus Christ in Philippians 2.

In my four years at seminary I took all theology courses that were offered. The course I most enjoyed was Christology. This is the branch of Christian theology relating to the person, nature, and role of Christ.

It is the time of Advent. At this time of the year I think of Chalcedon. The Council of Chalcedon was held in 451 AD. I quote the major decision of Chalcedon.

"We all unanimously teach that our Lord Jesus Christ is to us One and the same Son, the Self-same Perfect in Godhead, the Self-same Perfect in manhood; truly God and truly Man, the Self-same of a rational soul and body; co-essential with the Father according to the Godhead, the Self-same co-essential with us according to the Manhood; like us in all things, sin apart; before the ages begotten of the Father as our Godhead, but in the last days, the Self-same, for us and for our salvation (born) of Mary, the Virgin the Mother as to the Manhood; one and the Same Christ as the Manhood; Son, Lord, Only-begotten; acknowledged in Two Nature's without confusion, without change, without division, without separation."

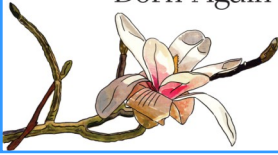
I read the above to Doris. "Ok", she said, "What does that all mean for me today?" Doris knows how to get to the heart of the matter. A few thoughts in answer to the question. 1. To the church's weakness, oh how we have neglected reading and studying the early church Fathers. By not doing so how much wisdom and understanding is now lost to us. 2. In one person Jesus is truly God and man. The church took four centuries to come to this decision. A lot of heresies fell to the ground because of these definitions. 3. I read the birth narrative of Luke and Matthew. Who is the baby laying in the manger? He is Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Son of Man. I cannot understand completely that the baby born of the Virgin Mary squirming in the manger among the animal's hay is God. Yet I believe that on Christmas Day God the Father gave to us His Son. I believe. This goes to the heart of all we believe concerns the only-begotten Son of God. One person born with two natures: Divine and Human. Chalcedon gives me the words to proclaim the baby of Bethlehem is the God - Man for my eternal salvation. His name is Jesus - the one who is the Savior. Thus, Jesus saves.

I marvel at the truth written at Chalcedon. It has not been changed or revised since 451 AD. This confession we as Presbyterians still uphold and believe today.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Rev. Dennis Boogerd

Born Again



Let's all look forward to a new beginning in this New year!

Every New Year we come up with promises that are both easy and difficult to make changes in our lives. Some of us want to abolish smoking or drinking but regardless of a New Year's promise we want to get along with people no matter who they are. We also want to look better in our daily life along with living longer. These promises can be lumped in a row called prosperity, longevity, and peace.

In the book of Solomon it says, "My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life for many years and they will bring you prosperity."

We all want to look toward the future as we remember the past and we highly desire prosperity.

We do realize the past mistakes we have made for which we seek forgiveness. With forgiveness we seek a new and fresh start. In the past our promises

need not fall short. Maybe we promised to be more active in church, making our prayers more significant, spending more family time at home. The list of promises can go on but the fact remains we may have fallen short with promises that prevented us from accomplishments we dearly tried to make.

According to Isaiah 43:18 "The Lord says forget about what happened before. Do not think about the past?. Instead, look at the new things I'm going to do." This proves we have experienced many things and that possibly we have become better listeners and have not wasted all things. We get out of life what we expect, as long as we have faith. Faith always leads to trust and you don't have to worry what others might say or think.

After becoming a Christian, we became a brand new person and we will never be the same again. God's specialty is a new beginning and being born again.

Happy New Year !

Don Myers, CRE



Youth Group will be on a break until January 6th. When we return, we will continue meeting every Sunday 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
Emma Newhouse	01/02
Lee Myers	01/03
Paul Sabourin	01/03
Julie Walsh	01/03

James Larke	01/04
Aubrey Agar	01/05
Ronald Kerzner	01/14
Danna Sanderson	01/14
Carla Nicholls	01/16
Cheryl Thoresen	01/17
Carol Brawley	01/20
Jacklyn Johnson	01/21
Benjamin Reattoir	01/21
Treyce Sanderson	01/25
Mary Lee Schmidt	01/27





SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

“It’s All About the Baby”

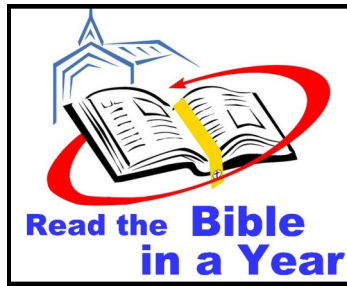


Congratulations to all the singers, narrators, angels, kings, shepherds, Joseph, Mary & King Jesus.

What a great performance

Thanks to the FUPC Youth for a great Christmas Program!

January



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



Ginger Stratton
and
a Deacon



P.W. MEETING & COFFEE HOUR

**Tuesday, January 15th
at 9:30 AM**

**Please join us for fellowship &
treats.**

All Ladies Welcome!



**Men's Bible Study meets
every Friday morning at
9:00 am.**

All men are welcome



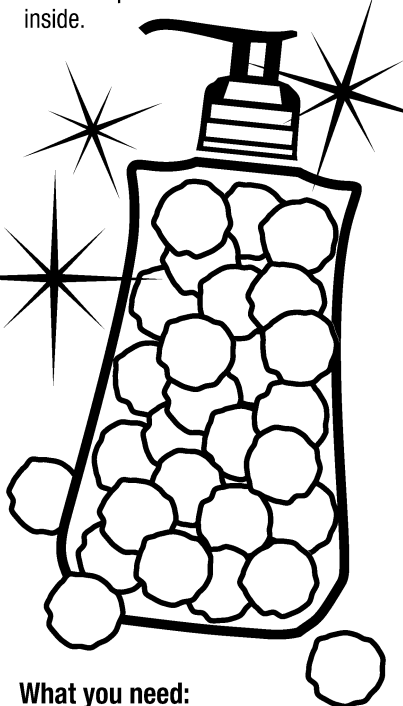
**Women's Bible Study
meets every Wednesday
morning at 9:30 AM**

Winter is here!



Washed Clean

Decorate a soap bottle as a reminder of how baptism cleans us on the inside.

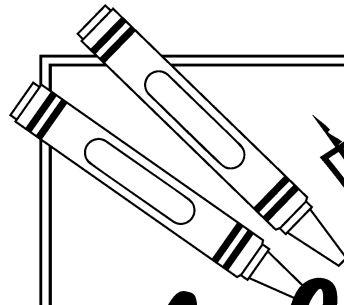


What you need:

- Bottle of clear liquid hand soap
- Small craft pompoms (different colors)
- Wooden skewer

What you do:

1. Remove the bottle label and unscrew the lid.
2. Using the skewer, push pompoms down into the soap one at a time.
3. Replace the lid and put the dispenser in a bathroom or kitchen.



PUZZLE

A fresh start

Baptism is a blessing because it changes us and gives us hope.

Directions: Write the boxed letters in the squares below. Then unscramble those letters to form two words that complete the Bible verse and represent the gift of baptism.



We were therefore buried with him
through baptism into death in order that,
just as Christ was raised from the dead
through the glory of the Father,
we too may live a _____.

Romans 6:4, NIV

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Answer: f i e l e w n, new life



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

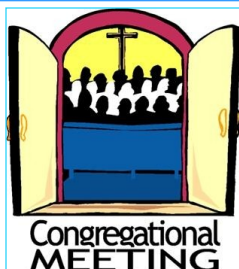
Sunday Worship Schedule

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
Jeremy Witte, Sexton

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



Moved to

Sunday, February 3, 2019 (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 27.**

**Committee reports are due in the church office by January 7th
for inclusion in the Annual Report.**