



# *The Soo Chimes*

## *First United Presbyterian Church*



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## *Pastor's Message*

What a year 2020 has been. The events of 2020 have been the subject of jokes, sighs and tears. Great ideological battles have been fought, passions ignited, roars among the nations and disease spread across our globe. Shouts of Panic! and Fear! have been trumpeted from our news sources. Loved ones have been lost. Fevered orators have laid claim to our loyalties lest their movements fail to save the world.

What does the Bible say about all this? First, the Bible does tell us things will change one day in ways we cannot even conceive. This change will not come from Trump or Biden, Republicans or Democrats, BLM or Patriot groups. The Bible tells us it will come from God. Revelation 21:5-7 tells us this very clearly:

**5 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." 6 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. 7 Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children."**

God is the one who brings about the change. There have been so many moments of fear in 2020 because we have forgotten that our hope relies not in humans or even in this world, but rather in a living God. We don't know what 2021 will have in store for us. What we do know is where we are to put our hope as Psalm 46:10 tells us:

He says, "Be still, and know that  
I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth."

God has a plan and that plan can't be thwarted. Nations, kingdoms and dominions will be swept away one day by the very hand of God. If we put our faith and trust in humans, movements and organizations we risk being swept away with them. If our faith and being are planted squarely in Our Lord who loved us enough to die for us, we will

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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.***



Family of Burt Jones, Family of Florence Alexander, Family of David Irish, Family of David Whyte, Family of Verne Coutant, Family of Gladys Baxter, Gina Gough, Robert Johnston, Tony Paradiso, Debbie Stover, Scott Kallemeyn, Sandy Shaw, Andrea Klier,, Della Porter, Joyce Cross, Shelby Myers, Donna LaPLaunt, Annie Andrews (Abbott), Matilynn Strange, Jennifer Veum, Jane Kellan, Tom Woodgate, Joyce Cross, Dave & Leslie Henderson, William Kellan, Patricia Farnhill, Lillian Donelson, Geraldine Carnahan, Tara Jean Brody, Aaron Corbiere, Wendy (Menard) James and all members of missionaries and the U.S. Armed Forces.

**Please keep us up to date on your prayer requests.**



Burt Jones  
11/25/20

Florence Alexander  
11/26/20

David Irish  
11/30/20

David Whyte  
12/02/20

Verne Coutant  
12/04/20

Gladys Baxter  
12/19/20



Closing at Noon  
Tuesday, December 31st

Closed New Year's Day  
January 1st.



The next Deacon's  
Meeting will be held on  
January 17th



**Freighter View Assisted Living**  
**605 West Portage Avenue**

Audrey Bush  
Elva Hutzler

**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**  
Alice Soorus

**McKinley Manor**

**2023 West 4th Avenue**  
Vera Steffens  
Peg Zenda



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

# Puzzle!

Complete each saying below. Then place the words from those blanks in the correct order to complete Proverbs 23:4.

1. When the going gets tough, the tough \_\_\_\_\_ going.
2. People who live in glass houses should \_\_\_\_\_ throw stones.
3. If the shoe fits, \_\_\_\_\_ it.
4. "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is \_\_\_\_\_ to enter the kingdom of God."
5. Good things come \_\_\_\_\_ those who wait.
6. When in Rome, \_\_\_\_\_ as the Romans do.
7. Don't wear \_\_\_\_\_ your welcome.
8. If you want something done right, do it \_\_\_\_\_.

Write the unscrambled proverb here:

\_\_\_\_\_ PROVERBS 23:4

Answer: Do not wear yourself out to get rich. Proverbs 23:4

## JANUARY



Lee Myers	01/03	Ronald Kerzner	01/14
Paul Sabourin	01/03	Danna Sanderson	01/14
Julie Walsh	01/03	Carla Nicholls	01/16
James Larke	01/04	Cheryl Thoresen	01/17
Aubrey Agar	01/05	Carol Brawley	01/20
		Jacklyn Johnson	01/21
		Benjamin Reattoir	01/21
		Treyce Sanderson	01/25
		Mary Lee Schmidt	01/27

Need a  
Ride to Church?



Cathy Akre



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

The  
Deacon's



Bench

Join the Deacons in gratitude during this season of love for all we have received. Despite the extenuating circumstances that surround us, there is much to be thankful for. We hold each other in our prayers, thoughts and actions.

The Food Pantry is so thankful for the generosity of you, our congregation, our community and the Sault Ste. Marie Meijer. We are excited to share the joyous news that all the donations and matches during the *Simply Give* campaign totaled \$13,700 in food cards. It will allow us to continue to provide bags of food and assistance for the next year! In addition, The Mole Hole once again held its annual food drive and donated it's bounty to our pantry. We have also been blessed with anonymous food and bagging donations that show up in the workroom. The Food Pantry continues to distribute grocery bags on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 4-6 pm. Please contact us if you are aware of those in need of food.

Watch for our mitten tree to arrive in the narthex. We are collecting hats, gloves, scarves, blankets, socks and whatever knitted/crocheted items you would like to provide for our community's school-aged children. When the tree is full, we will retrieve items and distribute them. Depending on donations, we hope to "empty the tree" several times during the winter season. Past recipients have included our local schools as well as families associated with the Community Action Agency.

"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might." (Ecclesiastes 9:10)

Your Deacons

## ?? Bible Quiz ??

In the story of the Magi, what word is used to give a sense of Jesus' age when the wise men visited? What does it tell us?

- A. "baby"; Jesus was still a newborn in a manger
- B. "child"; when the wise men visited, Jesus had grown past infancy
- C. "youth"; Jesus was probably between 10 and 14
- D. No word is used to suggest Jesus' age at the time of the wise men's visit.



Answer: B (See Matthew 2:1-12.)



### 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 4, 2021. Submit to the church office or email ([office@soopresbyterian.org](mailto:office@soopresbyterian.org)) your reports to the attention of Audrey Zane.

Reminder - FUPC Annual Congregational Meeting will be January 31, 2021

#### Food Pantry



#### Shopping & Bagging:

Doris Boogerd

#### Food Distribution:

01/12 - Mary Frances & Doris

01/26 - Jeanne & Mary Frances



### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

January 31, 2021

Immediately following the  
Worship Service



Every New Year we make promises that we intend to keep. Some we do and others we don't. Our intentions are good but we just don't connect like we always should. It is easy to promise to lose weight, quit smoking or drinking, but as a church attendee we overlook the promise of prayer and what it will do for us on a daily and yearly basis.

We don't have to get on our knees to pray out loud, but it is a consideration. Praying is something we can do quietly and to ourselves.

We are aware that God is in control of our thoughts, our wishes and deeds. We can pray

for others and or ourselves. We just have to make sure of our sincerity in a prayerful manner, whether it be silently or out loud.

Let's make sure in this New Year that we pray daily in a meaningful way not just always at breakfast, lunch, or dinner.

Your year will be solid with love, charity, and forgiveness for all.

**Happy New Year!**

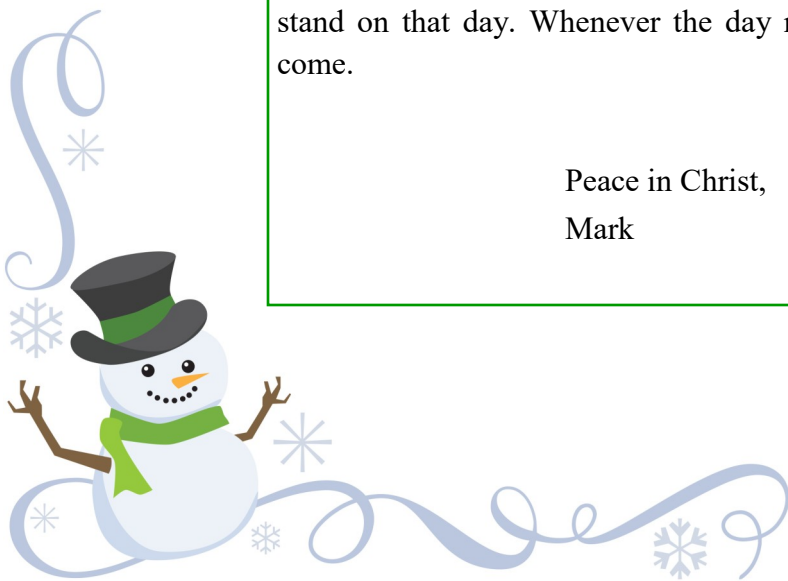
Don Myers  
(posthumously)



# Happy New Year!



**The Textile Social Group meets  
Each Thursday of every month at 10:00 am  
Except the Second Thursday  
All are welcome to bring your project, a sack  
lunch and gather in the Social Hall.**



stand on that day. Whenever the day might  
come.

Peace in Christ,  
Mark

## Thank You!



A big thank you to our Lord and all  
our wonderful members here at  
church for such a surprise for my  
90th birthday celebration. Thank you  
for all the cards and gifts. It was  
overwhelming reading all the cards. I  
love you all.

Leitha



Lee Myers



## CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

At 11:00 am on Friday, January 15th

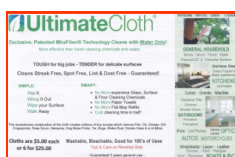


Presbyterian Women had a very successful Christmas Project. We made \$800 with our sales and donations. We want to thank everyone who donated money and gifts, bought gifts, baked and bought cookies and candies. It really was great to have so many of our church family pulling together for our church mission projects.

Thank you and have a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

We will be meeting on January 19th  
for our regular coffee and short meeting.

Hope to see you then so we can start making plans for 2021.



**The Ultimate Cloth Great for your  
Cleaning projects!**

**Get yours at the church office  
\$6.00 each or 5 for \$25.00**

## Circle 3 Meeting

January 14th at 9:30 am



## P.W. MEETING & COFFEE HOUR

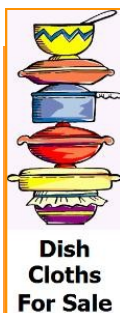
Tuesday, January 19th  
at 9:30 AM

Please join us for fellowship,  
short meeting & treats.

**All Ladies Welcome!**



**January  
15th!!!**



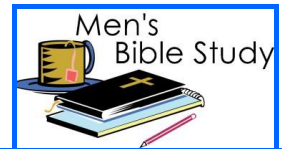
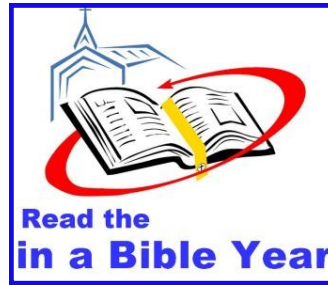
**Dish Cloths!**  
**Colors to match  
every kitchen Only  
\$1.00 each**  
**Available in the  
church office.**

Brought to you by the  
Presbyterian Women

## January Mission Project

For January we will be collecting donations for New Hope House. They have requested any kinds of toiletries, such as soap, deodorant, razors, toothpaste. There will be a receptacle provided to receive the donations. Donations will be delivered to New Hope House at the end of January.

# January



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

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



*Elder*  
&  
*Cheryl Thoresen*



Jeanne  
Shibley



*Women's  
Bible Study*

Meeting every  
Wednesday at 9:30 am  
in the Youth Room

**No Meeting**  
in the week that  
Circle 3 Meets





## LET IT snow!

Create a winter wonderland with this fun craft.



### What you need:

- Glass jar with lid but no label
- Laminated photo (that will fit in the jar)
- Small plastic Christmas trinkets
- Hot or waterproof glue
- Container with spout
- 1 cup distilled water
- 3 tsp. glycerin
- Glitter

### What you do:

1. Unscrew lid and flip jar upside down. Glue the photo and trinkets to the inside of the lid, standing upright.
2. In a container, mix water and glycerin. Pour the mixture into the jar, leaving space at the top.
3. Spoon in some glitter.
4. When glue is dry, attach the decorated lid tightly. Shake the jar to see "snow" swirl and settle.



## WHITE AS SNOW

Jesus, our Savior, came to earth to purify sinners.

*Directions: Figure out which path through the puzzle is correct. Choose one to try, starting at the first picture under the "Path" box. Follow each picture's directional cues to see if the words make sense when placed in order in the blanks below. If not, try a different path until you figure out the Bible verse.*



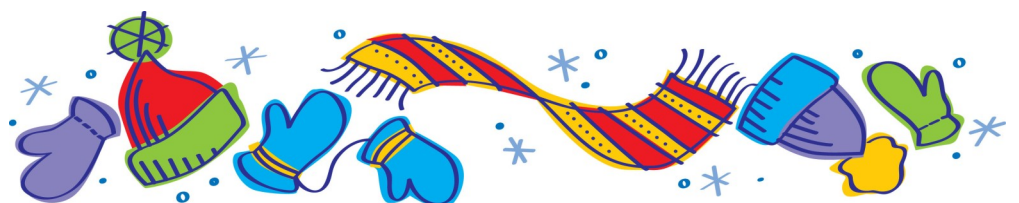
PATH 1	PATH 2	PATH 3	PATH 4	PATH 5	PATH 6
for	give	come	together	around	after
self	into	settle	eternal	thanks	forgive
God	LORD	says	without	Christ	warmth
love	sins	scarlet	other	light	praise
red	star	white	snow	winter	peace






"\_\_\_\_\_ now, let us \_\_\_\_\_ the matter," \_\_\_\_\_ the  
\_\_\_\_\_. "Though your \_\_\_\_\_ are like \_\_\_\_\_,  
they shall be as \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ ...."

ISAIAH 1:18, NIV

Answer: Path 3; come, settle, says, LORD, sins, scarlet, white, snow





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						2 9:00a Men's Study Grp 
3 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School	4 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting	5	6 9:30a Women's Bible Study	7 10:00a Textile Social (SH)	8 9:00a Men's Study Grp	9
10 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School	11 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting	12 4:00p Food Pantry	13	14 9:30a Circle 3 Meeting (SH)	15 9:00a Men's Study Grp	16
17 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 11:15a Deacon's Meeting	18 5:30p Session Meeting 5:30p Trustee Meeting 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting	19 9:30a Ladies Coffee Hour (SH)	20 9:30a Women's Bible Study	21 10:00a Textile Social (SH)	22 9:00a Men's Study Grp	23
24 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School	25 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting	26 4:00p Food Pantry	27 9:30a Women's Bible Study	28 10:00a Textile Social (SH)	29 9:00a Men's Study Grp	30
31 <b>Annual Congregational Meeting</b> 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School						

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Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Monday through Friday

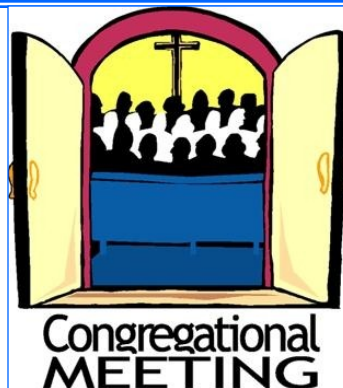
**Sunday Worship Schedule**

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

**Church Staff**

Rev. Mark Gabbard, Minister  
Brenda Ransom, CRE  
Kay Boyne, Music Director  
Denise Goldade, Financial/Administrative Assistant  
Jeremy Witte, Sexton

**Deadline for February issue:  
January 15th**



**Sunday, January 31, 2021 (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 24.**

**Committee reports are due in the church office by January 4th, for  
inclusion in the Annual Report.**